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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

True to tradition, I have faithfully kept a diary for the past ten days, making note of the minutest thing that has taken place every day—how much work I did, how much I did not do, and so on and so forth, and last but not least, how many times I tried to keep the great New Year resolution about signing chits. Sad to say, although I have been really conscientious about making my entries, I cannot claim to have met with very much success in regard to the last-named resolution. Well, I suppose it is all in the game, for if one should keep any New Year resolutions, there would be none to make for the next year, and that's that.

However, there is one thing which has struck me very forcibly, and that is Mrs. Bottlewaite has not made use of the rolling-pin yet. What is more, she actually believed him when he got home early on Sunday morning and, in reply to the question, "Where did you get to last night," said he had been inspecting the new swimming bath at the Y.M.C.A.

This sort of thing is really too good to be true, and somehow I cannot help thinking this is the calm before the storm, so to speak. My suspicions were more or less confirmed when Bottlewaite told me later that he had found a parcel on the umbrella-stand, containing half a dozen nice new rolling-pins, and very formidable weapons they were, too! My old friend wants to know where he can lay hands on the fortune-teller chap who said:—
"Master, 1930 for you very happy must be, I can see, in your hands, your eyes and your face, but..."
And curse him, he got away with Bottlewaite's last five-dollar bill!

Bang! Bang, BANG!! Bang, BANG!!! No sooner do we get over our own particular New Year celebrations than another dose of this infernal "pastime" is upon us. I refer, of course to the Chinese New Year, and as a precaution against having my beauty sleep again disturbed, I have already laid in a large stock of double-strength sleeping draught. That seems to be the only thing to do, but if any of my fellow-sufferers do not like trying this method, there is a fairly useful heavy-weight boxer whom I know who will be more than glad of "sleeping mixture" for a nominal fee of 85 per dose. This particular mixture is guaranteed to be effective for at least seven hours, and can be taken either by way of the jaw or the solar plexus.

However, I note that the authorities have already announced certain restrictions upon indulgence in this nocturnal "sport" of crackering, but there is just one more suggestion I wish to make, and that is that policemen should be themselves warned not to set a bad example. On New Year's Eve, in the neighbourhood of Percival Street, I saw three guardians of

the peace engaged in a friendly battle with a squad of Shanghai-ese chauffeurs. One party was lined up on one side of the road, while the other was mustered on the opposite pavement, and the great idea was to throw huge crackers, which go off with a terrible explosion, at each other! No notice was taken of people or traffic passing along the road, and the beet part of it was that the policemen were on duty (they were carrying revolvers, at any rate!) and what do you suppose they lighted their crackers with? Cigarettes! Now, of all people in the Colony, policemen should set a good example to the *hoi polloi*, and I hope somebody in authority will pass the word along to this effect.

I see the printer's devil has been busy at his tricks again, telling people that one of the rooms in a hotel had been reserved on ball-night for cars! Just as if! Fortunately, nobody seems to have attempted to drive up the grand staircase with the object of parking in any of the drawing-rooms on the plush carpets. Then I see a reference in the paper to the "Home Rum King." At first I thought this was a bit of news about boot-leggers, but discovered on closer examination that it concerned base-ball affairs. Babe Ruth is a nice enough fellow, but I fear if he got ahold of the printer who described him as the Home Rum King the umpire would have to call "strike one"—and that one would be quite sufficient.

Something will have to be done about this dollar business, otherwise I shall have so much money that I won't know what to do with it. No, that's wrong; pardon me. This currency problem is getting so frightfully confusing that I get all tangled up over it. They say there's too much silver in China, so that's why my paper dollar won't buy as many cigars as formerly. I don't quite see the connection, but that's what I am told. At the same time I am assured that "it's all bunk," about there being a glut of silver in China, and the whole trouble is due to unrest in the country. On this latter point I am further assured that there is no unrest, and that everything is as it should be, so there you are. The only point on which there is complete agreement is that the dollar nowadays only buys about half-a-dollar's worth of whatever you want.

What's all this I hear about the worms at Fanning? I am told the golf course is being converted into a miniature mountain-range as a result of worms. More than this, several golfers have had their nerves badly shaken by these ferocious animals suddenly coming up from under the ground. People who don't play golf do not realise how easy it is to be thrown off one's balance at a critical moment. I know a man whose caddy was a chronic case of hiccoughs, and one day the golfer missed his drive and blamed the caddy. "But I didn't hicough that time," the boy protested. "I know that," bellowed

the angry golfer, "but I allowed for it!"

That gives you an idea how difficult it is for a man to keep his equipoise when a wriggling worm suddenly crosses his path at a critical moment. It puts a golfer right off his game, in just the same way as the sudden popping of a cork out of a bottle will make you miss an easy cannon. Some allowance should be made to a man thus put off when he is addressing the ball—and that reminds me. Out at Fanning the other day a novice was asked by his friend why he didn't address the ball. Fooler glanced over his shoulder and said:—"My dear friend, I would if there were no ladies about!"

And of course you know that one about the clerical gentleman who was not a very good player, and on being asked what was his handicap, sadly replied:—"The Church."

I was greatly interested to read the other day that at the next meeting of the English Association there will be a lecture on the English of the Army. Strolling down Wanchai way the other evening I met Sergeant-Major Grimshaw, and after the customary proposal about lubrication had been moved, seconded, and carried *nem. con.* I said:—"Listen, cully; you should be able to give a ruddy fine lecture on the English of the Army. You have had nearly twenty-five flaming years in the Service, most of which have been devoted to telling off blokes in different ways for not jumping to it—why don't you give an embellished lecture about English in the blinking Army?"

The Sergeant-Major meditatively blew the froth off, and, having slightly moistened his lips, replied:—"Sir, speaking as one who admittedly is occasionally somewhat hampered by the exacting restrictions of conventional syntax, I must confess that at times I am constrained in my use of the colloquial to depart slightly from the orthodox manner of expression in order to make my desires, crystal-clear and comprehensible to intellects which occasionally certainly do appear quite incapable of assimilating the simplest ideas communicated to them."

"Sir, after serious reflection, I am of the opinion that an address by my unworthy self dealing with the phraseology of the barracks square and mess-room would be found intolerably dull by those who might possibly be attracted to such a discourse in the hope of hearing lurid stories relating to the use of immoderate language. Nevertheless, I thank you for the kindly suggestion, and now, if you will excuse me, I must go and address some of my young charges—who await my coming with impatient anxiety—on the necessity for observing the strictest and most salubrious regimen, eating none but the most wholesome foods and none but the most innocuous beverages, and avoiding as the plague the use of blasphemous and otherwise improper and vulgar words. Good-night!"

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,
(January 11.)

U.S.R.C. Annual Tennis Tournament.
League Cricket:—Division I.: K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C. H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C. C.C.C. v. University, Army v. Navy. Division II.: C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C. H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C. University v. C.C.C.
Friendlies: Recreio v. Royal Artillery.
Football:—Division I.: Royal Artillery v. South China, Kowloon v. St. Joseph's, Navy v. Recreio, Chinese v. K.O.S.B., Somersets v. Club. Division II.: Club v. Navy, University v. Eastern, South China v. R.A.M.C. Recreio v. South China "A", K.O.S.B. v. Chinese "A", Ewo v. Kowloon.
Queen's Theatre: "Evangeline."
World Theatre: "Faust."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Sunday,
(January 12.)

First Sunday After Epiphany.
Fanning Hunt and Race Club paper chase, Souza's Bungalow, 11.30 a.m.
Cricket: University Past and Present v. Combined League, University ground, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Viking."
World Theatre: "Don Q."
Star Theatre: "Corporal Kate."
Tea Dance: Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Tides:—High, 7.52 a.m. and 6.04 p.m.; Low, 1.22 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 5 p.m.

Monday,
(January 13.)

Hong Kong University Congregation Day, 5 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Viking."
World Theatre: "Don Q."
Star Theatre: "Corporal Kate."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Tides:—High, 8.01 a.m. and 7.35 p.m.; Low, 2.40 a.m. and 1.03 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via San Francisco (Pres. Jackson), 5 p.m.; via Siberia (Pres. Jackson), 6 p.m.

Tuesday,
(January 14.)

Queen's Theatre: "Pleasure Crazy."
World Theatre: "Don Q."
Star Theatre: "Veiled Woman."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

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FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!

FIGHTING THE FLAMES.

(By Lieut.-General Lord BADEN-POWELL.)

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For fellows who are Scouts there are always things for which they have to be prepared. At Christmas it is the "Good Turn" season; in Summer it is the "Drowning" season. I don't mean the season in which Scouts ought to be drowned; I mean the season in which other asses get drowned, and Scouts get the opportunity of saving them—IF they have learned how.

Then there is always the danger of fire, when houses and people are apt to get burned unless Scouts are about who know how to do the right thing for saving them.

Chimney Fire.

A chimney on fire is the commonest kind of fire. It is always happening, and yet people often don't know how to deal with it. You can tell when a chimney is on fire by the thick, whitish-yellow smoke that comes out, with a sour kind of smell of its own. It is caused by having a chimney dirty and full of soot.



The silly way of finding it is to look for it with a lighted candle.

One way to put it out is to throw a lot of salt on the fire in the grate, and hang a wet-blanket or rug in front of it so as to let the gas, which the burning salt makes, be drawn up the chimney.

A better thing than salt is to put an imp into the fire. By "imp" I don't mean your younger brother or a Wolf Club, but a little thing called an imp, which you can buy at a grocer's for a few pence. This makes a sort of explosive gas which puffs the burning soot out at the top of the chimney.

If you haven't got salt or an imp, the best thing is to rake out the fire and choke the burning soot by stopping up the chimney at the top and bottom.

Calling the Fire Brigade.

If you are in a town, as a Scout you will know where the nearest fire-alarm telephone is, and the nearest fire-brigade station, and how to call it up. By the way, Do

you know how to do this? Do you know how to use one of the street fire-alarm? If not, go and examine one and see if you understand it, or get your Scoutmaster to explain to you how it works.

Of course you know how to use a telephone, and you won't go and do as a man did lately in case of fire. A notice in the Telephone Book said "In case of a fire ring up No. 5." So he rang up the exchange and said "No. 5 please." He put back the receiver and wondered why no fire-engine ever came. He had never told them why he called nor where the fire was!

House on Fire.

If you see a house on fire, the first thing to do is to give warning to the people inside. Shut doors and windows to prevent draught from fanning the fire. Shut off gas at the meter and also electric light, and call up the fire-brigade or Police.

Gas Escape.

This of course you can sniff fast enough, but the difficulty is to find where the leak is. It is generally in some dark out-of-the-way corner, and the silly way of finding it is to look for it with a lighted candle; then there is an explosion, a house on fire, and generally one silly ass the less in the world. What is the right thing to do? Turn off the gas supply at the meter, send for the plumber, and summon the fire-brigade with their gas masks, if it is a bad leak.

Oil on Fire.

If it is oil from an upset lamp, or petrol and oil from a motor-car or aeroplane that is on fire, don't pour water on it. That will not put it out, but will only help the fire to spread. The only thing is to choke it by covering it with rugs and stamping it out, or by pouring sand and earth on it.

Clothes on Fire.

In the same way, if you find someone with his clothes on fire, get him down on to the ground and roll your coat round him or a rug or blanket, and roll him over in it so as to choke the fire.

It won't be pleasant for the person, but it will be better than being burnt alive. Of course, if there is water handy pour this over him, too; but the rolling-over business is generally the quickest, and it only takes a very few seconds for a person to get badly burnt.

So it is the Scout's business to keep his head, to know what to do, and to do it at once.

THE WORLD WILL NOT BLOW UP.

"ATOMS HAVE BEEN SPLITTING FOR AGES."

Cambridge.—I came to Cambridge troubled with fears lest the two Berlin scientists now on top of a 6,000-ft. Swiss mountain should be able to blow the world to pieces by splitting the atom with 9,000,000 volts of electricity, writes a Press correspondent.

Now I have an easy mind, for I have talked to Sir Ernest Rutherford, the famous professor of physics, who has experimented with atoms for years, and knows all their artful little ways.

"There is no need to worry," Sir Ernest said. "The breaking up of the atom has been going on probably for a thousand million years, and people have not even noticed it, and the world is still safe for democracy."

"The radio-active matter in the earth has been disintegrating certain kinds of atoms steadily on a small scale since the earth was formed."

"In all twelve elements have been shown to be disintegrated by this method."

"The scientists are now trying to produce the results on a larger scale. The German professors want to find whether the electrons, which they would have to produce in a vacuum tube of sufficiently high energy, would have a similar effect. It is quite possible that they can do what they want."

I gathered from Sir Ernest that the Germans want to trap a furious electrical disturbance, induce it to enter a vacuum tube, and there do its worst with any poor little atoms that may have strayed inside.

"It will require a tube of very great length," he said, "in order not to get a spark across."

Sir Ernest laughed at the idea of the world being blown up.

"The experimenters themselves will probably know nothing about it," he said. "We in this country have experimented with voltages of one to one and a half millions. In America they have tried up to five millions, but it all has to be applied to the vacuum tube, and, as I say, that will have to be of extraordinary length."

"If the German scientists can really make the potential and the tube to stand the strain," he summed up, "it will be interesting to see if they can observe anything. It is all hypothetical."

JAMBOREE FINANCE.

CHIEF SCOUT ON THE £10,000 SURPLUS.

The Chief Scout, recently wrote the following letter to the Press:—

The Jamboree Sub-committee of the Boy Scouts Association have had before them the accounts of the World Jamboree, 1929, which took place at Arrowe Park, near Birkenhead, from July 31 to August 13. Although there are still a certain number of final accounts to be settled, the present position is that there is a surplus to the Boy Scouts Association of about £10,000. This satisfactory result was mostly due to the very considerable attendance of the public, the total number paying for admission being 314,422 adults and the maximum on one day 58,000 adults. This number does not include Scouts and Guides in uniform, who were admitted free. Our grateful thanks are due to the Press for the very good publicity that was given to the Jamboree, and which contributed to a good financial result.

Each contingent, whether home, overseas or foreign, paid for its own travelling expenses to and from the Jamboree, and also for camping charges, including food, while overseas and foreign Scouts also paid an extra charge for special arrangements for them, including Scout excursions during the last part of the Jamboree.

The Jamboree can, we feel, be considered a success from the point of view of scouting, and it is all the more gratifying that there should have been a financial surplus, although this does not nearly cover the loss sustained by the association in the previous Jamborees in 1920 and 1924.

The Boy Scouts Association would like to take this opportunity of thanking everybody who in any way assisted in making the Jamboree a success, and giving such a warm welcome to Scouts from overseas and foreign countries.

A full statement of account, duly audited, will be given in the annual report of the Boy Scouts Association, which will be published in January, 1930.—Yours, etc.,

BADEN-POWELL, Chief Scout.
The Boy Scouts Association,
Imperial Headquarters, 25,
Buckingham Palace Road,
London, S.W.1.

"V.C.s" OF PEACE.

EDWARD MEDAL FOR FIVE HEROIC MINERS.

The King has awarded the Edward Medal in silver to Robert Glendenning and the Edward Medal to John Thomas Baker, Samuel Hughff, John Kenny, and James Sidney Purvis in recognition of their gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On Friday, May 17, 1929, about 4 p.m., a telephone message was received at the office of the South Garesfield Colliery, Durham, that Richard Lowes, one of the colliery deputies, had been injured during blasting operations. Robert Glendenning, an overman, 55 years of age, who was in the office, at once set off down the pit, and, collecting two lads, James Sidney Purvis and John Thomas Baker at the bottom of the shaft, and a tram and stretcher, went in search of Lowes. They were joined by two hewers, John Kenny and Samuel Hughff.

Meanwhile five other men had been trying to rescue Lowes. Four of them were overcome by carbon monoxide gas, while the fifth managed to crawl out just in time. It was on meeting this man some quarter of a mile from the scene of the accident that Glendenning realised the serious nature of the occurrence. He hurriedly organised his party, and by repeated efforts they succeeded in extricating the five men who had been gassed. They were, fortunately, able to save the lives of two, but the other three were found to be dead.

Rescuers Collapse One by One.
The rescue party took such precautions as were possible at the time, but first Kenny and then Hughff were rendered unconscious. After they had with difficulty been removed from the danger area, Glendenning sent Purvis for further help and continued the rescue work with the assistance of Baker. Baker was next overcome, and Glendenning was also affected by the fumes, but he continued his efforts until, when further help had arrived, he was able to bring out the last of the victims of the accident. He then collapsed and had to be carried out from the pit.

For an hour, during the whole of which time the atmosphere was thick with smoke and carbon monoxide gas, Glendenning showed great courage and resource, and displayed high qualities of organisation in directing the rescue operations. He himself and Baker, Hughff, Kenny, and Purvis, under his leadership, knowingly and repeatedly risked their lives in determined and sustained efforts to save the lives of their fellows, and there is no doubt that but for their courageous action the death-roll would have been heavier than it was.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.
JANUARY 12, 1930: 1st Sunday after Epiphany:—
Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School at 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—Rev. R. V. Koop.
Evangelism (in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 p.m.)
Confirmation Service at 6 p.m.
Preacher:—The Lord Bishop.

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First Groundling: "Cosh, that skywriter looks just like an insect."

Second Ditto: "A spelling bee!"

Jack: "Why did you oversleep this morning?"

Jim: "There are eight of us in the house, but the alarm was only set for seven."

"My wife explored my pockets last night."

"What did she get?"

"Same as an explorer—material for a lecture."

Jane: "Where did you get that black eye?"

Bill: "That's a berth-mark."

Jane: "Berth-mark?"

Bill: "Yes, I climbed into the wrong berth."

Ray: "So you are to be operated on, eh?"

Jaky: "Yes, Doc said he wants to take out my appendix, but I think what he really wants to get out of me is a new car."

"Did you have much rain this year, Farmer Giles?"

"A fair amount, but my neighbour had more."

"How could he have more?"

"He has more land than I have."

"At a first night the gallery-ites go to see the celebrities in the stalls, and the stallsites go to see each other," says a critic.

There is probably some reason or other for the presence of the actors, as well.

A Wall Street broker, desiring a clerk, asked the following question on an examination: "Who formed the first company?"

A bright youth, a bit puzzled but not to be flustered, wrote: "Noah successfully floated a company while the rest of the world was in liquidation."

His application was accepted.

Mother: "And how does your teacher show you how fast to play?"

Doris: "With a little windshield wiper she keeps on her piano."

Wife: "Now that I have had my hair bobbed, I look so much like an old woman."

Husband: "No. Now you look like an old man."

Mechanic to Motorist: "Yes, sir. After careful examination I find your motor is shot."

Motorist: "I knew I had no business using that grease-gun!"

John: "Are you familiar with any medical terms, professor?"

Professor: "Only two."

John: "What are they?"

Professor: "Shake well before using, and \$5 please."

"Young man," said her father, "I don't want you to be too attentive to my daughter."

"Why—er—really," stammered the young man, "I had hoped to—"

"Exactly, and I'd like you to marry her, but if you're too attentive to her you won't have money enough to do it."

Teacher: "How is it you're always late, when you live only 10 minutes walk away, and Tommy Binks, who lives an hour's walk away, can get here on time?"

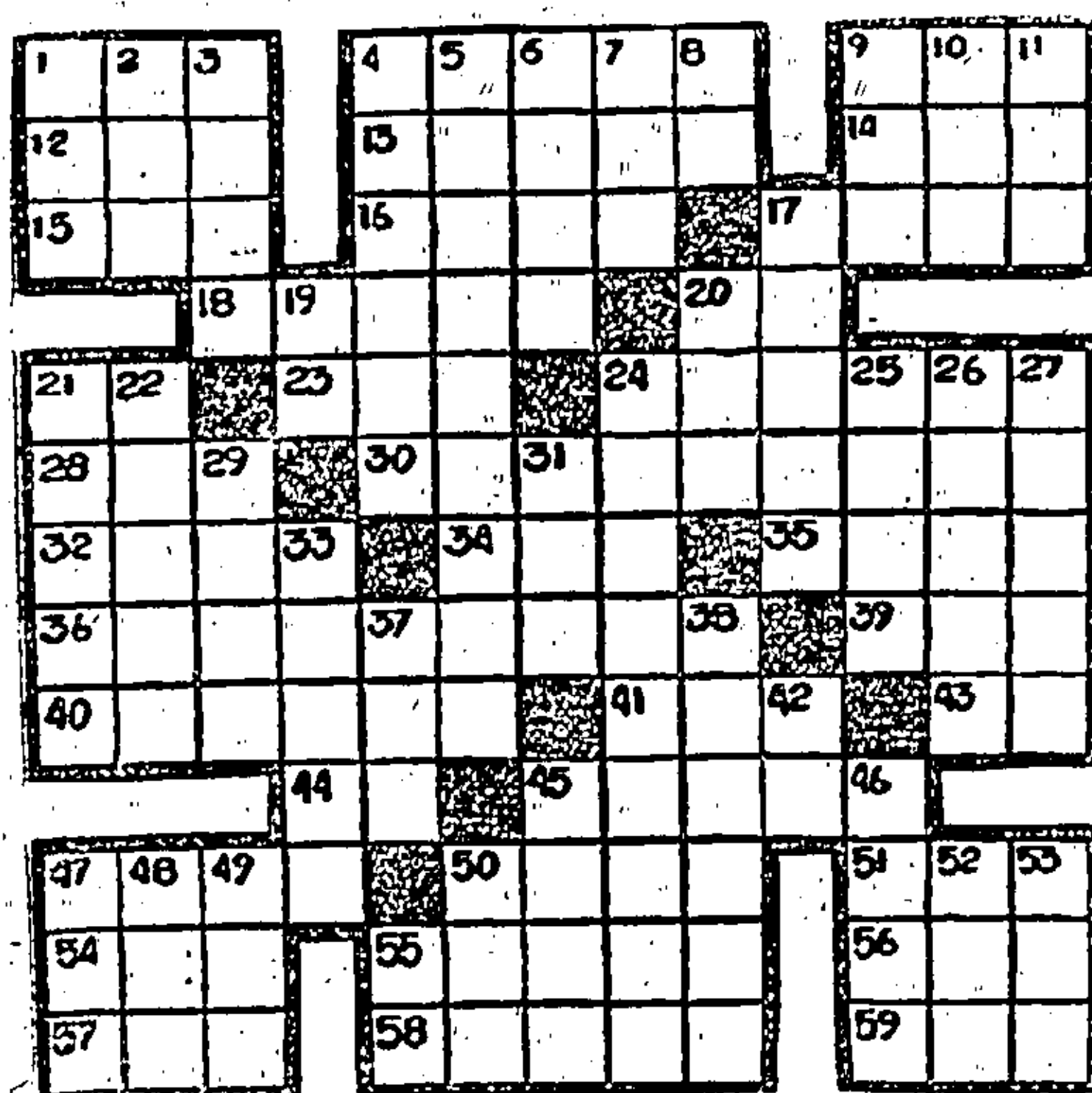
Bobby: "Well, you see, if Tommy starts five minutes late he has an hour to make it up, but if I am five minutes late, I have 10 minutes to make it up, and it just can't be done."

A stage carpenter went to the theatre manager one day and asked for an increase in his wages. The manager appeared surprised.

"Why," he exclaimed, "I really don't see my way to giving you a rise! You have nothing much to do. Half the time you are merely standing in the wings listening to the play."

"Yes, sir," replied the carpenter, grimly, "that's just it!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



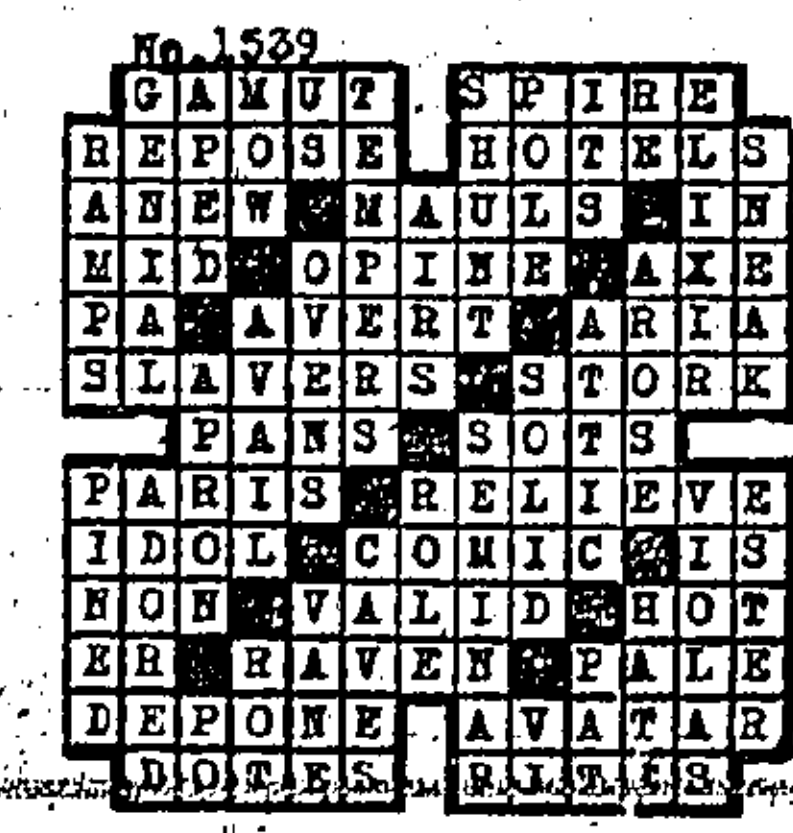
Horizontal.

- 1.—Dance step.
- 2.—Tender of horses.
- 3.—Fish limb.
- 4.—Japanese snash.
- 5.—Answer.
- 6.—High card.
- 7.—Spanish title.
- 8.—Imitated.
- 9.—To boil slowly.
- 10.—Summer drinks.
- 11.—Part of to be.
- 12.—Toward.
- 13.—Corded cloth.
- 14.—Packing cases.
- 15.—Before.
- 16.—"By the people."
- 17.—Assists.
- 18.—Hurried.
- 19.—Money box.
- 20.—Matter setting to bottom (plur).
- 21.—To drink with toffs.
- 22.—Cheered up.
- 23.—Possessive pronoun.
- 24.—Symbol for thorium.
- 25.—French for and.
- 26.—Gastropod mollusk.
- 27.—Cushions.
- 28.—Name.
- 29.—A bird.
- 30.—Self.
- 31.—Ventilated.
- 32.—Part of to be.
- 33.—Moist.
- 34.—Snow vehicles.
- 35.—To change colour.

- 17.—To sting.
- 18.—Conjunction.
- 19.—Part of circumference.
- 20.—To plague.
- 21.—Kind of window.
- 22.—Went on.
- 23.—Appendage.
- 24.—Brilliance.
- 25.—Slender girl.
- 26.—Fecund poem.
- 27.—Home.
- 28.—Locations.
- 29.—Confronted.
- 30.—Takes upright position.
- 31.—Symbol for silicon.
- 32.—Painful.
- 33.—Burden.
- 34.—Bench.
- 35.—Length of life.
- 36.—Spot.
- 37.—Nothing.
- 38.—Crooked.
- 39.—Shelter.
- 40.—While.

This puzzle took 22 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

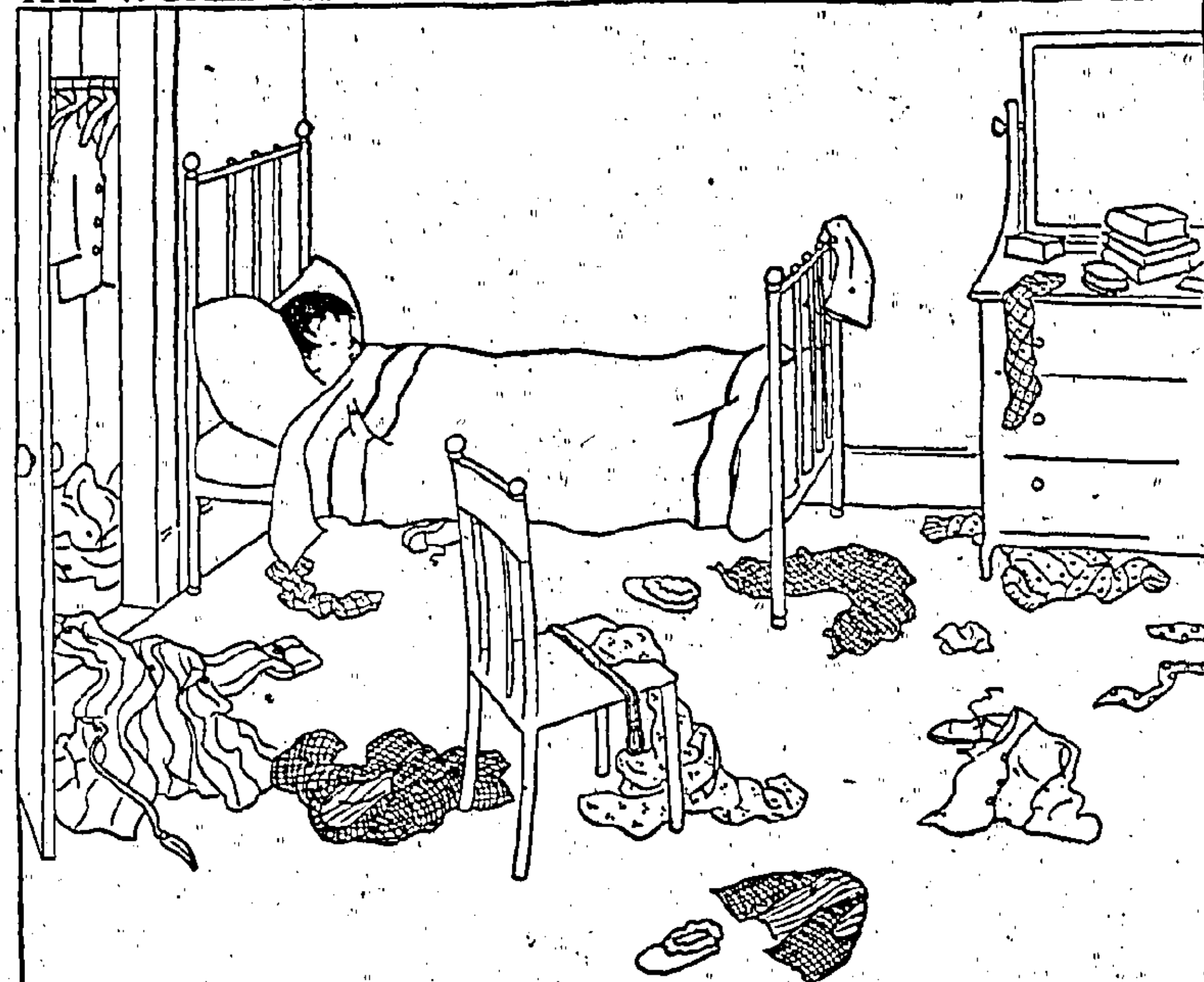
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



- 1.—Seed container.
- 2.—City in Finland.
- 3.—Does wrong.
- 4.—Classified.
- 5.—Put on new paper.
- 6.—Poetic for opens.
- 7.—Antique.
- 8.—Possessive pronoun.
- 9.—Corrupt.
- 10.—Concealed water.
- 11.—Modern.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



PORTRAIT OF A BOY'S ROOM,
THE OWNER OF WHICH
HAS JUST PUT HIMSELF TO BED.

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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

PESEK BEATS BENASKI.

John Pesek, the American wrestler, concluded his unbroken run of success in Australia by defeating Joe Benaski at Rushcutters Bay Stadium. The contest was scheduled for six rounds, and the proceeds of the entertainment were donated to the "Sun Toy Fund." Pesek had an easy task and obtained falls in the third and fourth rounds.

Prior to the match Pesek gave a demonstration of wrestling holds with the assistance of Bill Nolan as his partner. Pesek's weight was announced as 135 lb and Benaski was 135 lb. It was apparent from the inception that Pesek's superiority was pronounced. He had Benaski in a body scissors early, and when opportunities presented of securing a fall Pesek released the hold. Benaski had a full nelson upon his opponent but Pesek butted him away. Pesek's movements were fast, and he quickly wriggled from Benaski's grips.

In the second round Benaski had his opponent on the mat with an armbar, but Pesek easily evaded, and when Benaski threw Pesek with a headlock the latter landed upon his feet. Pesek rolled Benaski around the mat with a leg headlock, and although Benaski was upon his back for the greater part of the session Pesek did not exert sufficient pressure to ensure a fall.

Pesek gained the first fall in 1m 45s of the third round. Securing a crutch hold and body press, he gently laid Benaski upon the mat, and was awarded the fall. In the fourth round Pesek hurled his opponent around the ring, determined to finish the contest. When 2m 45s had elapsed he placed a half-nelson, and, bringing Benaski to the mat, closed the engagement.

CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLASHES.

The Leicestershire County Cricket Club have made proposals to the Advisory Committee of the M.C.C. to readjust the cricket and football seasons. They suggest that the committee should confer with the Football Association and the Rugby Union to see if it cannot be arranged that football shall start in mid-September and end in mid-May, and that cricket shall occupy the period between.

They also suggest to the M.C.C. an alteration in the playing hours of county cricket matches—from 12 to 7 on the first two days, and from 11.30 to 8 on the third day; also the luncheon interval shall begin at two o'clock. Leicestershire point out that these alterations would allow workers an opportunity to see two hours cricket in the evening, and that the change in the luncheon interval would enable business men to have their lunch at the ground and see some cricket.

LEICESTERSHIRE'S NEW CAPTAIN.

Mr. John A. de Lisle, the son of a former Parliamentary representative of the Loughborough Division, has accepted an invitation to succeed E. W. Dawson as captain of the Leicestershire county cricket team. He has played twice for the county—once in 1921 when he made 72 and 88 against Kent, and once in 1924 when he scored two against Derbyshire. He has spent much of his time in India.

PUDDFOOT SUSPENDED.

S. Puddfoot, the English International, Blackburn Rovers, and former West Ham forward, was at Sheffield suspended by a Commission of the Football Association for fourteen days. The Commission was the sequel to an incident in the match between Bolton Wanderers and Blackburn Rovers on October 19, when, it was alleged, Puddfoot kicked Nuttall, the Wanderers' half-back. In accordance with the new regulation of the F.A., which allows the player in question to attend the inquiry, Puddfoot was present to meet the charge against him. He is the first professional footballer to take advantage of this permission. The majority of the County Associations permit amateur players to attend inquiries in which they are concerned.

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referee stopping the contest after roughs at the ringside had repeatedly interfered with the Australian. Slavin, a native of Maitland, New South Wales, served in the war with the Canadian Scottish and was stationed in England for some time. He took part in the memorable gold rush to the Klondike.

(Continued on next column.)

MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

"There should be one standard of morality for both sexes," said the Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Guy Warman) at Blackburn. Women, he declared, were harder on their fallen sisters than men. It was a grave mistake for people to imagine that young people, with greater freedom, were now less pure and honourable than those of former generations.

At the Manchester Police Court last month, Peter Fleming, who was shown to have had many previous convictions, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining two sums amounting to £2 6s. from a young man named Frank James Green, by means of a trick. Green stated that Fleming, who was a complete stranger to him, stopped him in a city street and asked to be directed to a certain address where, he said, he would find a commission agent with whom he wished to enter upon an important betting transaction. Fleming also said he had brought a lot of money from Preston to place on the result of a chess match, and he told witness further that he was sure of the winner of the match. Another man, also a stranger, came up and joined in conversation, and subsequently this man handed to Fleming 10s. to bet with on the match. Witness said he was induced to part with 5s. for the same sup-

posed purpose, and then Fleming left them for a few minutes, ostensibly to place the bet. He returned saying that the money was "all right," and then Green said he was induced to pawn his watch for £2 10s. for the purpose of providing another £2 for a further bet. Fleming and the other man left him waiting in the street, and the witness added that he was "still waiting."

Should the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill, recently introduced in the House of Commons by the Rev. James Barr (Lab.), become law the opportunities for women to secure husbands will be extended, for under its provision a man may marry—

His deceased wife's brother's daughter.

His deceased wife's sister's daughter.

His father's deceased brother's widow.

His mother's deceased brother's widow.

His deceased wife's father's sister.

His deceased wife's mother's sister.

His brother's deceased son's widow.

His sister's deceased son's widow.

mon (Lab.), and Mr. David Grenfell (Lab.).

A greyhound and the electric hare both suffered as the result of a tussle at the Middlesbrough greyhound course recently. As the hare went round the track for the start of a race one of the dogs escaped from its cubicle and ran alone after the hare. The hare was switched off the track, but its speed was so great that it broke through the trapdoor and continued round the course. The dog, which by this time had passed the hare, waited until it came abreast and, seizing the dummy, extracted a large patch of fur from its back. The greyhound was struck with such force by the hare that it was unable to take part in the race which followed, but the hare was able to put in an appearance.

In memory of Manxmen killed in the war, a flag given by the Isle of Man was deposited by the Dowager Lady Raglan in the north chapel of the Church of All Hallows, Barking, which is the guild church of the Isle of Man. The flag, whose late husband was governor of the Isle of Man during the war, was accompanied by her daughter, the Hon. Ivy Somerset. A delegation from the Isle of Man and about 100 members of the Manx Society in London attended.

THE RESCUE OF MOLLIE ELLIS.

MRS. STARR'S OWN VERSION.

MODEST HEROINE.

Farnham (Surrey).—Mrs. Harold Starr, who is now Mrs. Underhill, has for six years been trying to escape conversation about the bravest act a woman has ever performed. She was the heroic missionary doctor at the Peshawar Hospital who, in 1923, journeyed to the mountain fort of a band of bandit Afridis and rescued Miss Mollie Ellis, the young English girl who was dragged away in her night-dress as a captive after witnessing the murder of her mother.

Mrs. Starr was decorated with the Kaiser-i-Hind gold medal for her bravery, and her courage was acclaimed throughout the world.

Her Brief Report.

Mention of her adventure is anathema to Mrs. Starr. In her brisk, efficient way she wrote a brief 200-300-word report of her success, and then absolutely refused to discuss the matter. Legends grew around the tale—wild, distorted accounts of fantastic adventure. Mrs. Starr only smiled and went on with her work.

Not long ago she arrived in England with her husband, Major Underhill, on short leave, and hid herself in Khyber Cottage, Farnham, Surrey, where a keen London journalist found her. He writes:—

I stood at the front gate of Khyber Cottage and faced a clear-eyed, determined woman, who gazed at me with a look of mingled protest and amusement.

She wore good, serviceable leggings, her hands were black with earth, and she carried a trowel. Her two small sons were helping in the garden, and Major Underhill, in a soft hat and breeches, was engaged in the husbandly pastime of "pot-tering."

She wore two plain gold wedding rings on her hand. Her first husband was murdered by tribesmen within a few weeks of the wedding.

"Oh, that story!" groaned Mrs. Starr. "Will it never be forgotten? I'm weary of it, and I'm sure Miss Ellis is weary of it."

The Real Story.

And then she took me to the cottage and told me the real story for the first time.

She told it across a table as if we were discussing the weather, with a naive humour and a woeeful depreciation of her courage.

"It is quite brief and simple," she said. "Sir John Maffey needed a woman to go and be with Miss Ellis until an arrangement for her release could be made. I happened to be the one suitable woman on duty, so I went, just as any other woman would have gone. I motored ninety miles and rode the rest of the way to the Afridis' fort."

"What was the true story of how you eventually persuaded the tribesmen to release Miss Ellis?" I asked.

For the first time Mrs. Starr showed emotion.

"It was a miracle," she said quietly. "When I reached the encampment where Miss Ellis was being held I had a terrible time to gain entrance into the house of the Afridi chief. He was anti-British, and it was only after I pointed out that we could not sleep in an open valley in the heart of hostile country that he consented."

Mullah's Curse.

"I was put into a room with Miss Ellis. In the night the door burst open and the Afridis rushed in angry and gesticulating. They pushed me roughly out of the room, and I realised that they must have got hold of something I did not know."

"Then the miracle happened. The mullah who was with me cursed them. He was a Pathan, and Pathans have very strong views about propriety. He was scandalised at the idea of men breaking into a woman's room."

"The Afridis are very superstitious. His curse stampeded them. The old ruffians fell on their knees and begged him to remove the curse. He agreed to this if the Afridis undertook not to molest us."

Mrs. Starr then sighed happily as one who has got something off the chest. "Then we exchanged Miss Ellis for a couple of Afridi thieves and that was that."

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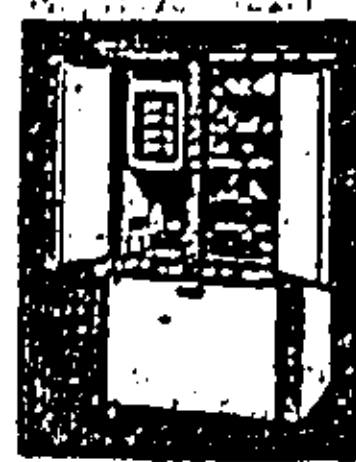
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CONFLICTING LAWS.

LEAGUE EXPERTS' PROPOSAL.

Mr. F. Llewellyn Jones, Liberal
M.P. for Flintshire, in an address
to the Grotius Society, summarised
the present state of the English law
and the international law with re-
ference to the status of married
women in respect of nationality.

Mr. Llewellyn Jones said that
since the war the question of the
nationality of married women had
been receiving increasing attention
not only by women's organisations
but also by the international jurists
and the legislators of different coun-
tries. The agitation for an altera-
tion in the existing law of England
and other countries arose on the one
hand from the grievous position in
which women married to aliens
found themselves during and after
the war, and on the other hand it
was the natural sequel to the great
improvement in the legal and poli-
tical status of the married woman.

In England the common law rule
was that a woman retained her
nationality on marriage, and it was
not until the Aliens Act, 1844, that
there was a partial departure from
that principle. That Act provided
that an alien woman who married
a British subject should acquire the
status of a naturalised British sub-
ject. Then the Naturalisation Act,
1870, enacted that "a married
woman shall be deemed to be a
subject of the State of which her
husband is for the time being a
subject." The question of giving
an Englishwoman the option of de-
claring whether she should retain
her own nationality or adopt that
of her husband on marrying an
alien was raised by Mr. W. H.
Dickinson in the House of Com-
mons in 1914, on the bill for con-
solidating the Acts relating to
British nationality and the status
of aliens, but the then Colonial
Secretary would only agree to a
proviso that where a man ceased
during the continuance of his mar-
riage to be a British subject the
wife could declare for the retention
of British nationality and in that
case would be deemed to be still a
British subject. Thus the Act of
1914 did introduce to English law
the possibility of husband and wife
having a different nationality.

A Long Agitation for Reform.

Since the beginning of the present
century women's organisations had
been actively engaged in trying to
influence public opinion in the direc-
tion of a change in the legal
position of married women, and,
generally speaking, it might be said
that there was a distinct indication
that international jurists were
favourable to the reform of the law
in the direction desired by the
women's organisations. The prom-
inent French lawyer Clunet and
Weiss and the Argentine jurist Dr.
Zaballos had so declared themselves.
Llewellyn Jones referred to the
address of the late Dr. Schuster
a post-war International Law Asso-
ciation Conference in London to
the same end, and reviewed the
fate of the bill introduced by Lord
Danesfort (then Sir John Butcher,
K.C.) in the House of Commons in
1922, purporting to restore to
British women the right lost to them
by the 1870 Act of retaining their
British nationality on marriage with
an alien, and providing that women
who had lost their British nation-
ality by marriage should regain it
unless they made a declaration of
alienage. It also provided that an
alien woman should not acquire
British nationality on marrying a
British subject, but require her if
she desired British nationality to
satisfy the same conditions as an
alien man. The matter was refer-
red to a Select Committee of
both Houses, which failed to
agree, and the bill was not
proceeded with. The question
was considered by the Imperial
Conference of 1923, a committee of
which thought it desirable to defer
a decision pending the consideration
of the matter by the League of
Nations Codification Committee on
International Law.

Action by the League of Nations.

The League committee of experts,
representing the principal legal
systems of the world, had referred
to a sub-committee three problems
arising out of the conflict of laws
regarding nationality. That sub-
committee in its report said that in
Belgium, France, and most of the
new European States a woman did
not lose her nationality by marriage
to an alien unless she gained the
nationality of the husband. In an-
other group of States, including
Great Britain, the original nation-
ality of the woman was lost uncon-
ditionally on marriage. In two
European States only, Russia and
Turkey, was the status of a woman
nationality determined by her mar-
riage to an alien.

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**RAILWAY PLANS FOR
MANCHURIA.**

FIVE NEW LINES.

THOUSAND MILES TO BE
LAID THIS YEAR.

Mukden, January 6.—A project
providing for the construction, to
begin this year, of five new rail-
ways with a total mileage of about
1,000 miles, to facilitate communi-
cation in the Three Eastern Pro-
vinces has been jointly completed
by the various Provincial Govern-
ments concerned. The proposed new
lines are as follows:—

1. Kiutai-Changkiawan Railway:
—This line will start at the Kiutai
Station of the Kirin-Changchun
Railway and terminate at the
Changkiawan Station on the Chi-
nese Eastern Railway with a total
mileage of over 27 miles. The pro-
posal to construct this railway was
submitted by the Kirin Provincial
Government. It will facilitate
transportation between the Provin-
cial capital of Kirin and Harbin.
Work will be started shortly and
all construction expenses will be
borne by the Kirin Provincial
Government.

2. Hsinkingfu-Fushun Railway:
—The plan to construct this line
was submitted by the Hsinking
Chamber of Commerce which
was subsequently approved by the
Northeastern Communications Com-
mittee. The line will be a semi-
official enterprise and part of the
construction expense will be fur-
nished by the Shenyang-Hailun
Railway Administration and part
to be subscribed by the commercial
interests of the two terminal cities.
The length of the line will be 40
miles (20 li) and construction is
expected to begin in the middle of
May following completion of sur-
veying.

Salt Merchants to Assist.

3. Tsaitshar-Heiho Railway:—
The lack of communication facili-
ties along the Heilungkiang border
was keenly felt during the recent
Sino-Soviet dispute when Heiho was
threatened by Soviet troops. The
Northeastern Communications Com-
mittee, therefore, will petition the
Central Government to reserve part
of the returned Boxer indemnity
for the construction of this 600 mile
line. A special representative of the
North-Eastern authorities will soon
leave for Nanking to confer with
the Ministry of Railways relative
to the proposed construction.

4. Kaiping-Fuchow Railway:—
The construction of this line was
first proposed in 1927 but the pro-
ject was dropped on account of
Japanese participation which was
regarded as an infringement of
China's sovereign rights. The pre-
sent scheme is to make the line a
semi-official enterprise as the salt
merchants in the district will sub-
scribe for all the private shares. A
petition for construction of this line
will be submitted to the Com-
munications Committee for con-
sideration immediately after com-
pletion of the survey.

5. Hulan-Holihkang Railway:—
This line will start from Hulan and
terminate at Holihkang in Heilung-
kiang. The plan is initiated by the
Provincial Department of Recon-
struction of Heilungkiang to facili-
tate the transportation of coal
from the Holihkang mines. Con-
struction expenses will be borne by
the merchants of Hulan and Payen-
chow and also the Holihkang mining
interests.—Kuo Min.

to an alien. The sub-committee re-
ported, on the basis of replies re-
ceived from 25 countries, that it
was unlikely that the Continent of
Europe would be inclined to accept,
without any limitation, the prin-
ciple that the marriage of a foreign
woman did not involve the loss of
her original nationality. But it was
suggested that a general rule be
adopted that the loss of one nation-
ality should be conditional on the
acquisition of another, so that a
woman should be prevented from
becoming Stateless.

Mr. Llewellyn Jones said that
though the trend of legislation was
in the direction of placing the mar-
ried woman on exactly the same
footing as the husband, yet it was
probable that for a very long view
that the married woman should
automatically be deemed to have
the same nationality as her husband,
and, at any rate, would cling to the
principle that an alien woman
marrying a national should assume
his nationality. He expressed the
hope that the conference which will
meet at Geneva next spring would
decide to accept the recommenda-
tions of the League committee,
with a view to obviating such con-
ditions as Statelessness or double
nationality which resulted from the
present conflicting laws.

**A "DRY" CASE IN
U.S.**

JURYMEN DRINK "EXHIBIT"
LIQUOR.

Columbia, S. Car., Jan. 4.—A
decision rendered to-day by the
South Carolina Supreme Court
stated that a jury had been entire-
ly within its rights in drinking 35
bottles of liquor submitted as evi-
dence in a bootlegging case.

This was held to be because the
trial judge had charged the jury
to the effect that it might "taste,
smell or do whatever it pleased"
with the liquor, his intention being
that members of the jury should
assure themselves that the evidence
was genuine, intoxicating liquor
within the meaning of the law.

George Burkholder, convicted of
being a bootlegger, had appealed
on the grounds that the jury had
consumed all the evidence. The
Supreme Court decision indicated
that his appeal would not hold, as
the jury had a right to consume
the liquor and then—if convinced
that it was intoxicating and that
the defendant had bootlegged it—
find the defendant guilty.

**MR. JOHN GALSWORTHY ON
FAMOUS DECADE.**

LITERARY FIGURES OF 1895.

There was a large and distin-
guished gathering at the annual
dinner of the Incorporated Society
of Authors, Playwrights, and Com-
posers at the Hyde Park Hotel,
London, recently. Lord Gorell pre-
sided, and proposed the toast of the
guests.

Responding, Mr. Galsworthy said
he wanted to take them back to the
literary year of 1895, when the
Anglo-Indians first discovered that
there were works from a young
person named Rudyard Kipling,
when on the horizon the star of
Bernard Shaw was beginning to be
seen, when Barrie had completed a
work on nicotine, when Mr. H. G.
Wells was confusing oxygen with
hydrogen—(laughter)—when the
great genius of Arnold Bennett was
making itself felt, when G. K.
Chesterton was growing—(laugh-
ter)—when Belloc was imbibing
mother's milk, when their humble
servant perched in a high building
was drafting conveyances with his
mind on the weights of the Cam-
bridgeshire—(laughter)—when Con-
rad was steaming into the heart of
darkness, when Thomas Hardy was
still a novelist, and George Mer-
edith, then a mere youth of 62, was
beginning to be read, and when
Stevenson was advancing to the
conquest of Samon.

There were experimentalists even
in those days as now, but there was
this distinct difference. In those
days it was more easy for an oyster
to resist an alderman or an alder-
man to resist an oyster than for an
experimentalist in literature to get
away with the goods. There was
also this further difference between
the two decades: that in this decade
a swarm of rewards hovered over
the cradle of the new writer.

Why, asked Mr. Galsworthy, were
so many first books so much better
than those of now? The first book
was the result of a definite urge towards
self-expression. In these days if a
first book proved a good seller it
went into fifteen editions and its
author was asked to express his
opinion on Pelmanism, birth con-
trol, Epstein, and other world-
shaking matters, and, if his head
was not strong, he or she was soon
standing on it. (Laughter.)

The toast was also acknowledged
by Lord Moynihan and Dr. Vaugh-
an Williams.

**AMERICAN ANNUAL
MOTOR SHOW.**

RACIER LINES AND GAYER
COLOURS.

New York.—Emphasizing rakish
lines and gayer colours which pre-
dominated throughout the display,
the annual Automobile Show
opened on January 4 at the Grand
Central Palace.

A total of 325 models were on
view.

One of the outstanding centres
of interest was a first showing by
Cadillac, heretofore makers of an
eight-cylinder machine, of a 16-
cylinder production.

Nash drew interest by a twin
ignition design declared to produce
improved combustion.

In general, wheel bases were longer
and the appearance of the cars
tended to be rader and brighter.
Bullet headlights are seen on a
considerable number of models,
pointing toward the effect of latent
speed.

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WHITEAWAYS

HONG KONG.

ROUND THE COURTS.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST POLICE CONSTABLE.

Four Chinese men and a woman were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday for possession of 2.5 mace of opium and false opium labels at a flat in Pei Ho Street.

It was stated by Revenue Officer Brown that it was suspected that the police officer who had given the information to the Department, had himself "planted" the false labels in the woman's flat. The police officer would be dealt with departmentally. This was the second time that a Chinese police officer had been suspected of having planted labels on people whom he had a grudge against, and it was believed that it was the same man on both occasions.

On application of Mr. Brown, the charge of having false labels, was withdrawn, and the woman was fined \$40 or three weeks' hard labour in respect of the opium. The other defendants were discharged.

SPEEDY LORRIES.

Two lorry drivers were fined by Mr. Whyte Smith for speeding. The first defendant was alleged to have travelled at 25 m.p.h. along Shanghai Street through a crowded thoroughfare. The driver was fined \$20.

In the other case the defendant was stated to have travelled at 25 m.p.h. along Waterloo Road. He was fined \$25.

STREET FOOTBALL.

That the taxi stand near the vicinity of the Star Ferry Wharf at Kowloon was used as a football ground by certain men who annoyed people, was the statement made by Sergeant Humphreys when a Chinese was summoned for playing football in that area.

Sergeant Humphreys further told Mr. Whyte Smith, that the Indian constable on duty at the Star Ferry had plenty to do in controlling traffic without having to arrest people for playing football.

The defendant, a messenger of the Kowloon Godowns, was cautioned and another man, who failed to make an appearance when called, had his bail estreated.

The Magistrate observed that the vicinity was a ridiculous one for playing football.

AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

THEFT FROM GARAGE.

An ex-employee of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, who stole a fire extinguisher from a service car outside the Club's Road Garage was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday.

Defendant told his Worship that he did not steal the extinguisher himself but was taking it to Lascar Row to dispose of it.

BANISHEE SENTENCED.

On the ground that he could not find work in Swatow or Canton, a banishee sought to explain his presence in Hong Kong to the Magistrate. He was banished, according to the Police records on March 21, 1927. The Magistrate sent him to prison for twelve months.

FORGETFUL FOKI.

A shop foki who was entrusted overnight with \$180 to pay to the comrade of the s.s. Kinsan, failed to do so. On being questioned next morning, he denied that he had received the money.

The Police were called in and the money was found on the foki's person and accordingly a charge of theft of \$180 was preferred against the man at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The accused claimed that he was sleepy when the money was handed to him and had clean forgotten the matter. He had no recollection whatever of receiving the money from his master. The latter, in giving evidence pleaded for his foki, pointed out that there was a possible mistake.

His Worship, discharged the defendant, who by the way, alleged that when the Police came into the case, they assaulted him. Defendant on being asked who actually struck him, pointed to a Chinese constable.

MOTOR COLLISION AT THE BEACON.

CHINESE OWNER SUES AN INDIAN.

A question about the rule of the road at the traffic beacon in Pedder Street, arose in a claim which was brought at the Summary Court yesterday as a sequel to a collision between two motor cars at 1.20 a.m. on December 12.

Kan Hang, of 34, Bowrington Canal Road, owner and driver of public car No. 257 sued Partap Singh, of 3, Gresson Street, who is the owner of public motor car No. 233, for \$201.48 representing garage repairs and the loss of use of his car. Plaintiff alleged negligence on the part of the defendant's driver.

Defendant denied negligence on the part of his driver, and alleged that the plaintiff was responsible for the collision. He counter-claimed for \$70.10 to cover the damage to his car and losses.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. J. Arculli for the defendant.

Mr. Rendall said that the plaintiff was proceeding in a westerly direction along Des Voeux Road, before approaching the junction near the beacon he sounded his horn. As he was crossing the road, defendant's car came down Pedder Street and collided with him. There were two passengers in plaintiff's car and none in the defendant's.

The plaintiff gave corroborative evidence, stating that his speed at the time of the collision was 12 miles an hour. He did not see the defendant's car until the actual collision. The two passengers gave evidence that the plaintiff was travelling at a slow speed.

Defendant Driver's Story.

The defendant's Indian driver said that plaintiff's car was travelling at about 30 miles an hour and was responsible for the collision. The plaintiff he said had no passengers in his car and had told the police officer so at the time of the collision.

Asked what he thought was the rule for crossing at the beacon, witness said that whoever got there first had the right to cross first. In this case he was the first and the plaintiff ran into him.

The Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) said that in his opinion the defendant's driver was liable. He believed that there were two passengers in the plaintiff's car as stated. The case was adjourned for evidence as to the amount of damage done to plaintiff's car. Judgment on the counter-claim was given to the plaintiff with costs.

WILL TO FOLLOW CHINESE LAW AND CUSTOM.

ANOTHER TESTATOR HOLDS DIFFERENT VIEWS.

Among Chinese wills proved in the Supreme Court, a request that the estate be administered according to Chinese law and custom is contained in the will of Loo Hau Cheung, of 4, Yeung Chung Street, Canton. He died at that address last year, leaving property in Hong Kong worth \$19,100 which is left to his two sons, Loo Ka Luen and Loo Ka Hoi, medical practitioners in Canton, but temporarily resident in Hong Kong.

On the other hand, Tsang Yau Yung, a trader, who died in Shaohkiwan, departed from the usual Chinese custom of making large bequests to his nearest relatives. He left Hong Kong estate worth \$68,300. Testator leaves \$1,500 to each of his sons for marriage expenses. Annuities of \$1,200 each are provided for two concubines (executrices). A stipulation is made that testator's funeral expenses be limited to \$1,500.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4.

Plague.	Cases.	Deaths.
Tamstave	3	3
Basrah	1	1
Rangoon	1	1
Colombo	1	1
Cholera.		
Calcutta	15	9
Rangoon	3	2
Bangkok	3	3
Small-pox.		
Berbera	—	1
Baghdad	5	3
Bombay	25	15
Calcutta	28	24
Cochin	51	3
Kanachi	8	3
Madras	10	2
Moulmein	8	4
Vizagapatam	1	—
Yokohama	1	—
Batavia	2	2
Bangkok	1	—
Saigon	3	2

JUDGE'S "GREAT EXPERIMENT."

WORK FOR MAN WITH MANY CONVICTIONS.

Judge Gregory, K.C., made a strong plea at the Old Bailey recently, for Government assistance in finding work for discharged prisoners.

He was dealing with a man who had pleaded guilty to a number of charges of uttering forged cheques, and who had been previously convicted ten or twelve times. The man, he said, had stated that when he came out of prison he found it almost impossible to obtain a situation to enable him to live an honest life. In consequence he had been driven back to crime.

"I hear that same story from many other young men who are brought before me," went on the judge, "and I believe it to be true. It is a matter that has oppressed me very much in recent times. I recognize that it must be correct that when a man has been convicted many times for serious offences the ordinary tradesman or manufacturer, or other employer, hesitates, and rightly hesitates to take a man with such a history into his employment."

"In my view it is wrong in a highly civilized State that such a state of affairs should exist, and I cannot help feeling that some steps should be taken by the Government to provide employment for men in this position in order that they may have an opportunity of becoming good citizens if they really so desire. How it can be done it is very difficult to say without inquiry, but I hope somebody, either some Department of State or, if that cannot be done, some association will voluntarily undertake to inquire if it is not possible in some way to provide productive employment for men who leave prison without any reasonable chance of obtaining work."

The Last Chance.

"If that is not done it appears to me that there must be hundreds of young men who will be from time to time discharged from prison

whose only chance of getting a living is to go back to their evil companions and ask for their assistance. Unfortunately, that assistance is only granted on most occasions upon terms that they share again in some crime."

"In the present circumstances I believe your cry for help, and I have taken steps to try and assist you. I am going to try a great experiment. Through the kindness of Colonel Cecil Bevis, of the Central Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, I am in a position to say that you will be found employment."

The prisoner said that he promised faithfully to be honest in future. The judge then bound him over, saying that it would be in all probability his last chance, and that if he were brought before the court again he would go to penal servitude.

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A Very Happy New Year.

A good many of these people are looking forward to a very happy Chinese New Year for, either through a stroke of fortune or through their close association with the banks and intensive study of daily quotations, they figured on a drop in the Hong Kong dollar, and entered into commitments with this end in view.

Whether they foresaw the present abnormally low rate is open to question, but it was learned on good authority yesterday that profit amounting to three, five and seven lakhs has been made by different speculators, while a number of others have "small" profits of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to show. There were a few speculators who did not believe in the continued fall in the Hong Kong dollar, and these have been caught, but not too badly, as the bulk of the profits, so it is reported, have been made out of the banks.

When the dollar on Thursday touched the lowest record to date, a pitiful scene was witnessed outside one of the local banks. One man, who was probably among the minority who were caught, was asking those who had gathered closely round him to let him off. To the man's repeated request there was at first no response, but later one man flung a piece of paper in the applicant's face, the while explaining that he was not actually pocketing any of the man's losses himself. There followed a label of voices, and whether the unfortunate man was eventually "let off" or not remains unknown, for the witness to the curious scene had passed on.

Round the Banks.

At one of the banks an Indian merchant was seen in long conference with one of the officials. When the conversation ended the official disappeared into a room marked "Manager," while a *Daily Press* man went up to the merchant.

"Are you worrying about the exchange also?" was the query put to him.

"I should say I am. I am just waiting for the bank manager to give me a rate. Terrible state of things! Who will send anything to Hong Kong at our prices?" was the reply.

An Unquoted Rise.

Passing on to another bank our representative met a Chinese well versed in exchange matters, and not a little interested in the fluctuation of the Hong Kong dollar.

"Have you heard?" he asked, on sighting the *Daily Press* man, "Exchange has gone up half a farthing, but the banks are not quoting it!"

"No, I haven't heard," the writer replied, "but why do you think the banks are not quoting it?"

"A further drop is anticipated, my friend, that is why!" was the

MR. AND MRS. MAN-IN-THE-STREET.

LOOK AT THE FALLEN
DOLLAR.

COST OF LIVING AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES.

While bank managers and professional, or amateur financiers, are discussing the silver basis, China's currency and the bank rate, Mr. and Mrs. Man-in-the-Street are asking themselves what the fall in the value of the dollar is going to mean to them. And they generally discuss the problem with long faces. The cost of living will quite inevitably go up, though probably not to any appreciable extent until March. Six weeks from now, if the dollar still stands at 1/6, the cost of living will have increased by from 25 to 30 per cent.

"The evil-minded grocer" of Chesterton's poem will not be to blame. He will have to pay for his goods in sterling, and pay more dollars for his sterling than he did six months ago. If he is to continue in business he must increase his prices. The same applies to every form of retail trade. Even vegetables and fruit bought from the interior, or Oriental goods of any description, will cost the retailer more because he will get fewer Canton dollars for his Hong Kong currency. Hong Kong retailers have treated their clients well in this crisis. With a very few exceptions no prices have been raised on goods which were bought with the 2/- dollar, but it is unreasonable to expect them not to charge proportionately more on those purchased with a 1/6 dollar.

Outlook Not So Gloomy.

A discussion of the situation with some of the leading retail merchants of the Colony revealed some interesting facts. Their general outlook is not nearly so black as that of the man in the street and his wife. While realising that their trade will be to an extent curtailed, they appear to feel a certain confidence that things will adjust themselves after a few months. The slumps of 1929 and the following years were recalled. "At first people stopped buying anything but necessities, but after a time, they accepted the new prices as normal," our representative was told.

The retailers anticipate doing on the whole a smaller volume of trade during the coming year, but they do not seem to anticipate suffering very heavy consequences. Some are considering the policy of buying only enough stock to meet the regular demands of an assured circle of patrons, and giving up any idea of enlarging their business or attracting new custom until the dollar rises or its lower value has been stabilised and accepted. Others are considering buying a cheaper class of goods in order to avoid raising their prices, but they are in the minority.

Influence of "Jack Frost."

But there are compensatory factors for the retailer. The cold spell for one. In one of the most important European shops dealing in Oriental curios and *objets d'art*, our representative was told that while there had been less than the usual demand for jewellery and expensive wall pictures, there had been unusually good sales of Pekin and Tientsin carpets. Other merchants are experiencing good sales of woollen garments, coats, scarves and travelling rugs. Then there is what might be termed to borrow a war-time phrase—the food-hoard instinct. It is obvious to every one that prices must go up when new stocks arrive, and many consumers are tempted to buy largely now for the future, of the goods already in stock at more or less normal prices. Not only food but clothes and every sort of necessity, even in some cases luxuries are being bought before the family exchequers feel the real pinch of the lower dollar. The January sales should prove even more popular than usual this year.

No Increase In Prices!

Mr. H. Overy, of Messrs. Wm. Powell, the well-known firm of men's tailors and outfitters, viewed the situation with confidence and even optimism. "We shall not put our prices up," he said. "We buy only twice a year, in September and March. Our September goods were bought at the rate of 1/6, and our March goods were bought at 1/6. We have full benefit of the fall in the dollar, and we will not raise our prices." (Continued on next column.)

MISSING SHIPMENTS OF PAPER.

BANK'S CLAIM AGAINST
IMPORTER.

Before the Chief Justice (in Chambers) yesterday the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie sued Messrs. S. L. Kwok & Co. for \$27,292, representing the sum alleged to be due on two bills which had been accepted by defendants.

Details of the circumstances in this case were published in our columns some weeks ago. Briefly, the facts are that certain large consignments of paper—alleged to have been shipped from Europe—were not to be found on board the vessels named when they arrived at Hong Kong. Documents purporting to be bills of lading were duly received, but there was no corresponding entry upon the ships' manifests, and it is understood these bills of lading bore forged signatures.

The Case for the Bank.

The plaintiffs claim against the defendants was that they accepted two bills of exchange for \$1,438 and \$1,168, both dated August 30, 1929, and drawn by L. O. Baird, of Oshby, Switzerland, upon the defendants, payable 60 days after sight. The bills were accepted by the defendants on October 15, 1929, and duly presented by the plaintiffs, but were dishonoured.

The plaintiffs made a total claim of \$2,603 principal and \$77 interest, amounting in Hong Kong currency to \$27,292.

Mr. Adolphe Rollin, Manager of the plaintiff bank, gave evidence of the nature of the claim, and produced the bills.

Accepted by Mistake.

Mr. Kwok Sze Lei, in his affidavit, denied that he was liable under the two bills, and asserted that the said bills were accepted by mistake and in the belief that the two shipments of paper against which the said bills were drawn by L. O. Baird had been so shipped.

The bills were drawn on defendants under a credit open on May 29 by the defendants with the plaintiffs for \$2,740 in favour of L. O. Baird, to be availed of by D. P. drafts drawn by Baird on the defendants at 60 days sight, against paper to be shipped by the said L. O. Baird to defendants.

Half of the consignment was to be shipped not later than August 31, and the remainder by October 31.

The credit was revocable, and did not relieve the drawer from liability. On October 15 the bills were presented by plaintiffs and accepted by defendants, but no bill of lading or shipping document was then shown by the bank to defendants.

On November 1 defendants received from plaintiffs two bills of lading representing two consignments of paper purporting to have been shipped on the Malaya, against which the two bills were drawn on the defendants.

No Paper on Board.

It was the intention of defendants to take delivery of this paper on arrival, but on presenting the bills of lading to the steamship agents defendants were informed that no such consignments of paper were on board.

Defendants contended that L. O. Baird, purporting to act on the terms of credit, negotiated with plaintiffs the two bills, and that the plaintiffs tacitly represented that the paper had been shipped.

Alternatively, defendants argued that no steps were taken by plaintiffs to ascertain whether Baird had in fact shipped the paper against the bills. The defendants, therefore, claimed that it was the duty of plaintiffs, when they negotiated the bills, to take such steps as were necessary to see that everything was in order.

Judgment was given for plaintiffs with costs.

If the dollar does not rise—which I think it will—of course our March buyings must be affected. We have no intention of buying goods in any but our usual British market and the price of small haberdashery articles will in any case remain what it is at present. There is no direction in which the fall of the dollar helps us. It is all the other way. However, Trade is good just now—people want things for the cold weather."

An Optimistic Note.

It seems likely that Mr. and Mrs. Man-in-the-Street will not really suffer as much as they expect to do from the low exchange rate provided they have no responsibilities at home. Living will be more expensive, but almost automatically our standards will be adjusted to meet our incomes. There will be less indulgence in luxury certainly for a month or two, possible for longer, but probably little actual want. It is on the parents of children at school at home that the burden will fall most heavily, for their school fees and upkeep will have to be paid in sterling, which will mean a larger outlay of dollars than formerly.

What to take for INDIGESTION



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"GATE CRASHERS" AT PO HING THEATRE.

IRON BARS AND WHITE-
WASH.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON
ATTENDANTS.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with maliciously wounding two persons, namely an employee of the Po Hing Theatre, and a student, on January 4. They were further charged with assaulting an Indian constable and resisting arrest.

Mr. Arthur Covey prosecuted on behalf of the Police. Mr. A. E. Hall, who appeared for the defendants, remarked that he had just been instructed to defend and as he did not know the facts of the case he was pleading not-guilty.

Mr. Covey outlining the case said that on the night of January 3, the two defendants came to the Po Hing Theatre and attempted to get in without paying. They were refused admission by the first complainant, the ticket collector, and tried to make trouble with him.

The defendants returned the next evening accompanied by ten others. The first defendant carried an iron bar and the second, a bucket and a brush of whitewash. They came looking for trouble and tried to fight their way in. The defendants splashed the complainants' eyes with whitewash, and struck them with the iron bar. Police whistles were blown and the mob ran away. The two defendants who were last to run were stopped by a Shik policeman in plain clothes. The latter attempted to arrest one of them and received a brush full of whitewash in his eyes. Another Shik policeman came up and together they arrested the defendants.

The two victims had to be taken to hospital where they remained for treatment for their eyes and for scalp wounds. Mr. Covey remarked that the defendants were employed in a whitewash firm and knew that the lime was a very harmful thing to use. The other defendant carried an iron bar, which Mr. Covey produced, and referred to as "a murderous thing."

Medical Evidence.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. D. J. Valentine, of the Kowloon Hospital, who said that the two complainants were admitted on January 4. The first had a cut on the scalp, while the other had two long cuts. They were treated for their wounds and left two days later. Both men had slight conjunctivitis of the eyes.

Blinded and Struck.

The ticket collector, in evidence said that the two defendants, accompanied by ten others armed with iron bars, came to the entrance of the Theatre. Without warning the second defendant splashed the brush of whitewash in his eyes, temporarily blinding him. As he wiped his eyes, he was struck on the head with the iron bar by the first defendant and knocked unconscious for a time. He was later taken to the Police Station where he recognised the two defendants as the men who struck him.

Witness remarked that the two defendants had come to the theatre the day before and tried to get in free. When they were refused admittance, the first defendant struck him on the chest and ran away.

A Student Also Struck.

Mak Yick, a student of 16 years of age, said that he went to the Theatre that evening to see the show. He was in the hall near the ticket office when he was suddenly splashed with whitewash and struck on the head. He fell in the ground unconscious and "came to" lying on a chair provided by the theatre attendants. He did not know who struck him or why he was struck. He produced the clothes which he wore that evening and they were all splashed with white lime.

Another attendant of the Theatre said that he saw the two defendants leading a mob of men to the Theatre. They hit the complainants and splashed whitewash in their faces. The other men carrying iron bars, forced him into a corner and he was unable to assist his fellow-worker. There was a great confusion and someone blew a police whistle. The men ran away, the defendants being last to leave. The theatre wall and curtain were also splashed with whitewash.

The two Indian constables who arrested the defendants gave evidence. One said that he was splashed in the face with whitewash by the second defendant in attempting to stop him; while the other constable said that when he arrested the first defendant the latter had an iron bar in his hand.

Previous Trouble.

Mr. Covey in his submission to the Magistrate asked for the severest penalty. Three months ago trouble of a similar nature at the same Theatre was brought to his Worship's notice. It was apparent that the defendants came to the Theatre looking for trouble, as they came twice. Mr. Covey drew the Magistrate's attention to the damage to the theatre and to the clothes of the complainants and asked for compensation.

Mr. Hall remarked to the Magistrate that only one of the defendants was guilty of malicious assault, unless the prosecution could prove conspiracy.

What is Behind it.

After some discussion on the question of compensation the Magistrate in convicting the defendants said he wondered what sort of hooliganism went on at the Theatre between the ticket collectors and others as the same thing occurred in the previous case. He could not understand why these people attempted to get in without paying their way. "What is at the back of it all?" he asked of Inspector Fallon.

Inspector Fallon replied that it was merely a case of the defendants belonging to certain societies and one man would call the assistance of his confederates.

His Worship said that someone might have easily been killed by the iron bar and that it was rather extraordinary that the two defendants should stand out amongst the mob of ten. Inspector Fallon replied that it was only natural that the party with the grievance would lead the attack.

The Magistrate convicted the first defendant, who used the iron bar, on the charge of malicious wounding and of possession of the iron bar.

However, as both charges were really the same thing the Magistrate said that he would make the sentences concurrent. He imposed sentences of three months' hard labour on each charge.

The second defendant was convicted on the charge of assaulting the police constable only, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Compensation.

The first defendant was ordered to pay \$15 compensation to both the two complainants, or undergo a further three weeks' hard labour. The second defendant, who splashed the whitewash, was ordered to pay \$5 each to the two complainants and the Indian constable, with a further payment of \$10 to the owner of the curtain, which was splashed with whitewash. Failure to make good these payments, he would receive a further sentence of three weeks' hard labour.

GERMAN DOCTOR
SUED.STRANGE STORY FROM
"CANTON."

PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 10.

Dr. Breitlander, a well-known German, medical practitioner in Canton, is being sued in the City Court for \$2,000 by Messrs. Wong Tak Kwong and Wong Tak Cheung, two Kwangsi students here. The case is the outcome of the death of Wong Tak Long, which occurred in the Canton Sanatorium in January.

The trial was commenced last Tuesday in the court of Mr. Lo Bo Wing.

This is the first time in the history of Canton that a foreigner has been tried in a Chinese court. Although the defendant, being a German subject, has no extra-territorial rights, the case is considered very significant in local legal circles, more especially in view of Nanking's recent extraterritorial mandate.

CAUSE OF THE TRIAL.

Dr. Breitlander, it appears, some time ago conducted a *post mortem* examination upon the body of Wong Tak Long. This, it is understood, was done with the explicit approval of Dr. Liang Pui Ki, manager of the Canton Sanatorium, where the deceased had been under treatment. The man was known to be tubercular, but his sudden death, it was thought, pointed to the presence of another contagious disease, and a *post mortem* was decided upon.

Dr. Breitlander, tried to get consent from the relatives of the deceased to perform the operation, but they were in Kwangsi. The two students who have brought suit, at that time did not admit that the dead man was their relative. Dr. Breitlander again consulted Dr. Liang Pui Ki and obtained his approval. Dr. Kukioka, Dean of Sun Yat Sen University Medical College, who was afterwards consulted, confirmed Dr. Breitlander's findings that the cause of death was tuberculosis. He agreed that a cure would have been impossible.

SENSATIONS!

Then the plaintiffs, who had previously disclaimed any relationship, came forward, and accused Dr. Breitlander of purposely killing their kinsman, "in order to steal his organs for experimental purposes!" They demanded \$2,000 damages.

It is stated, incidentally, that the Canton Sanatorium is still owed all its fees and charges in connection with treatment of the case. Unkind rumour hath it that plaintiffs may have disclaimed their relationship previously, for this reason!

FIRE-FIGHTING.

NEW ENGINE FOR H.K.
BRIGADE.

An exhaustive test was carried out in the New Territories yesterday of the Dennis fire engine which has just been added to the equipment of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade. The test was in every way satisfactory and the engine was described as being "absolutely the last word in fire fighting appliances." With the engine were Fire Supt. Brookes, Station Officer Saunders and a crew of 12 men. The test occupied several hours.

An indication of the usefulness of the new engine is given by the fact that the machine is capable of pumping from 500 to 700 gallons of water per minute. With such tremendous pressure of water, it is questionable whether a fire in any of the Colony's modern buildings could get much of a hold before the flames were subdued.

In conjunction with the Dennis machine, the latest types of extension ladders are now in use by the brigade. The longest is attached to the new engine. These ladders were also tested at Kowloon Station yesterday and were found to be thoroughly efficient.

"EXPERT IN MILD FORM OF
TORTURE."MAGISTRATE HOLDS DEFENDANT WAS ASSAULTED
IN FORGED NOTE CASE.PRISONER'S STATEMENTS REJECTED BY BENCH BECAUSE THEY
WERE NOT VOLUNTARY.

COUNSEL'S ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE.

That the defence had proved conclusively that the defendant was assaulted in the detective office and therefore he could not admit the signed statement of the defendant, containing an alleged confession, was the decision of Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the closing stages of the case in which Cheung Ching Shan was charged with uttering and possessing six forged \$100 banknotes.

The defendant was discharged because, according to the Magistrate, there was a genuine doubt in his Worship's mind as to whether the defendant ever had the notes involved in the case.

In commenting on the assault, his Worship said that although it was not certain who exactly inflicted the wounds on the defendant's knees, it was done by a man who was an expert in a mild form of torture.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, appeared for the defence. Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Shiu On Wing firm to whom the forged notes were alleged to have been passed.

Originally there was a charge of fraudulent conversion, but that was withdrawn at the first hearing.

WHEN A CONFESSION CAN BE ADMITTED.

When the Court resumed yesterday, Mr. Grantham asked Mr. d'Almada whether it was true that Dr. Koch would not be called. Mr. d'Almada replied that that was so, but he added that he intended to submit the doctor's certificate for what it was worth.

Before any other evidence was called the Magistrate stated his views on the admissibility of the statements which the defendant is alleged to have made to the Police. At a glance, said his Worship, the statements appeared to be answers made to Sergeant Kennedy before they went out. His Worship quoted authorities to show that had such been the case these statements would have been admissible. "But," added the Magistrate, "not only must these confessions be voluntary, but it is for the prosecution to prove that they were voluntary. It is not for the defence to prove that they were not voluntary and there is authority for that. If there is any doubt about the confession being voluntary or not, it should be rejected."

"Going over the evidence," said Mr. Grantham, "the defendant says that he was beaten by, amongst others, the detective (388, district watchman 34, Sergeant Kennedy, and some others not mentioned. He says he was beaten with a ruler on his knees and legs, and he also says that he was punched on the chest. He says he was beaten before he went out at 5.30 p.m. and he was beaten again after he had come back from the search. He says, moreover, that it was exceedingly painful and that these confessions were extorted from him."

Medical Corroboration.
"The only witness corroborating him," said Mr. Grantham, "is Dr. Cannon, although a good deal of the medical evidence was hypothetical. In one respect the doctor was certain, and that was—I don't say quite certain, but rather he was of very strong opinion—that the defendant could not have come by his injuries either by falling down, or by hitting himself. Dr. Cannon also said that the nature of the bruises on his knees rather looked as though he had been hit when he was in a crouching position. He also said that the bruises and wounds on the defendant's knees were consistent with his having been hit with a round hard object such as the ruler which we had in Court last time and that the marks on his chest were consistent with his having been hit with a fist."

"There was one point which stood out, and that was the position of the bruises on the knees. They were on the outside of the knees, on the fibula, which goes to show that the defendant was not hit just anyhow but at a definite place and it appears to me that whoever inflicted those blows knew that a blow on the fibula would cause great pain, in fact the man who did so was an expert in a mild form of torture. Dr. Cannon said that such a wound would cause great pain and a man of defendant's physique would suffer very greatly. Dr. Cannon therefore does corroborate the defendant very fully."

Witnesses Doubtful.
"On the other side we have the evidence of Sergeant Kennedy, the Chinese detective and the district watchman. Naturally they all deny having assaulted the defendant or having seen him assaulted. They all say that he was not touched. But their evidence does not altogether agree. Where it disagreed most noticeably was in answer to the question as to whether Sergeant Kennedy was present in the detective office at the time. Sergeant Kennedy said that he was there for about a quarter of an hour, 3.15 to

3.30. The district watchman said that Sergeant Kennedy was there all the time, up to 5.30. The detective on being recalled, after he had heard the evidence from the district watchman, also said that Sergeant Kennedy was there the whole time. I therefore doubt very much the evidence of all these witnesses and I must accept in the main the defendant's evidence on that point."

"Proved Conclusively."

"Not only has the prosecution failed to prove that the statements were voluntary, but the defence has proved most conclusively that the defendant was assaulted in the detective office. Whether it was the constable, detective or district watchman who inflicted the wounds, cannot be established and we are not concerned with that in this present case. I therefore, do not admit the signed statement by the defendant."

Counsel for Defence.

Mr. d'Almada then informed his Worship that he had decided not to call the last witness after his Worship had given his opinion on the question of assault. Addressing the Bench in his final address on behalf of the defendant, Mr. d'Almada said: "I respectfully submit to your Worship that from the very lengthy evidence adduced before you in this case two facts must necessarily emerge and impress themselves on your Worship's mind as they did upon me. First there is the fact that the defendant was twice arrested—he had every opportunity to get away had he a guilty mind, and secondly, the evidence of the prosecution consisted in the main of a mass of contradictions, not in the main features, where one must expect a certain amount of consistency, but in the minor features which so often show contradictions under cross-examination, and, I submit, there is also a third very strong feature which emerges. In the whole story of the prosecution, there is some attempt all along on the part of the witnesses to keep something back. All along there has been something hidden. That I submit, is one of the features of their story."

Mr. d'Almada then went briefly over the allegations against the defendant. He drew attention to the evidence of the witness Au Yeung Lai Sang who at one stage said distinctly that he knew these notes were not accepted on the market, but on being further questioned denied all knowledge of the fact that there were many forgeries of such notes. He had extensive dealings with the firms in Nam Pak Hong but he had nevertheless denied that it was well-known that all these firms were loth to accept these notes.

Counsel went on to say that on the father showing the notes to his son, the latter immediately claimed that they were forgeries. Yet, in his evidence, the son had stated that he did not know, prior to making his discovery, that there were such forged notes going round the market.

Denied From the First.

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada pointed out that according to the evidence of the prosecution, defendant on being first accused of uttering those notes had denied all knowledge of them. According to one of the prosecution's witnesses, his answer was "These are not the notes I handed to them." According to two others his answer was "They were not mine."

Coming to what happened at the premises of the Shiu On Wing firm, Mr. d'Almada drew attention to the one thing which, he said, stood out clear. There was no attempt whatever on the part of the defendant to run away. All that could be said was that after denying that the notes were his, he turned to go to the witness who had been called to the stand. However, in spite of his denial, a district watchman was

called in. At the Central Police Station a banknote expert, from a firm to which the Police always went, was called in but after examining the notes for twenty minutes he declared them to be genuine. The defendant was allowed to go, but being fully convinced of his innocence he naturally went back to his shop and stayed there, although if he had known these notes were forged he had fully twenty hours in which to make a getaway. He had heard that the numbers of the notes had been taken and he knew they would be tested at the Chartered Bank the next day, but he made no attempt to run away.

"Fool and Knave?"

The next afternoon, after the notes were discovered to be forgeries, defendant was arrested at the Nam Ho firm. He was not there in hiding, but was there having a friendly chat. He was arrested and charged with, among other things, conversion. The charges meant that the defendant, having been handed a number of \$500 notes, took one of them and bought six, only six, forged \$100 notes and according to that charge, he was willing to pay \$50 in good money for \$100 forged. Having got rid of them on behalf of his master, he was going to gain \$100 only. There was evidence to show, said Mr. d'Almada, that if the defendant had wanted to do so, he could have defrauded his master of large sums and absconded and need not have gone to such lengths as the prosecution alleged. They alleged that defendant was not only a knave, but also a fool.

"Not Very Graceful."

After dealing with further inconsistencies in the evidence of Au Yeung Yuk Tai, Mr. d'Almada observed that "there is no necessity now to deal with the not very graceful part played by the Police in this case."

"I now come to something," said Mr. d'Almada, "which has troubled me somewhat and might have troubled you also, and that is the possible reason why the prosecution say this man has palmed off the notes. I have suggested that these notes might have come to the Shiu On Wing from someone else, but before going any further in that line, I would remind your Worship that so far as these notes are concerned, all we have is the evidence of one man who says 'Yes, this man did hand me the notes,' and the evidence of the defendant who says 'No, I did not.' It is only one man's word against another."

Mr. d'Almada pointed to the possibility of the Shiu On Wing wanting to make a scapegoat of the defendant, after having received the six forged banknotes.

Reasonable Doubt.

After dealing with the times mentioned by witnesses and pointing out that the defendant could not possibly have changed the notes and paid two bills in the half an hour or so in which it is alleged he did so, Mr. d'Almada said that the evidence of the prosecution left a large element of doubt. If his Worship thought that there was not a large element, there was at least a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Grantham (to Mr. Armstrong): Are you raising any point of law?

Mr. Armstrong: No, Your Worship.

Mr. Grantham: Then you have no right to address the Court.

Mr. Armstrong: I have no desire to address your Worship.

His Worship then went over the evidence again, observing that the one thing which was certain was that the notes were forged. What was to be decided was whether the notes could be traced to the defendant. It was a question of whether the defendant was the complainant's. Mr. Grantham (Continued at foot of next column).

IMPERIALISTS
BEWARE!CANTON AND "FOREIGN
AGGRESSION."

"EXTRALITY" PARADE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 10.

Canton will to-morrow, Saturday, stage a big demonstration on the East Parade Grounds in favour of the abolition of extra-territoriality, after which a parade through the principal thoroughfares of the city will be made. The demonstration will be started at noon and is sponsored by the Canton Government.

All the Government organs, merchant guilds, labour unions, public schools, colleges and universities, medical organizations, the Canton Lawyers' Association, and other public bodies will take part in the demonstration and parade. The parade will be led by the high officials of the Canton Government, including Mr. Tang Yia Wa, Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Wong Kwei Luk, editor and publisher of the *Min Kuo Daily News* (the official organ of the Canton Kuomintang), Mr. Luk Yau Kong, Superintendent of Municipal Education, and Mr. Lam Yick Chung, member of the Provincial Council.

Huge quantities of handbills and other "literature" have been prepared by the Kuomintang and will be distributed to the crowd at the demonstration. Every Chinese newspaper in Canton is giving special prominence to propaganda of this sort in compliance with the instructions of the Kuomintang. Fifteen slogans are daily appearing in all the dailies here, some of which read as follows:—"Extra-territoriality is the protective cloak under which foreigners in China can do wrong with impunity";—"Extra-territoriality is a tool with which the foreign Imperialists carry out their aggressions in China";—"Extra-territoriality is a flagrant infringement of China's sovereignty";—"The abolition of extraterritoriality means the termination of foreign aggression in China"; and—"Abolish extraterritoriality and do away with all the lopsided treaties with foreign countries." These slogans have all been placarded on the streets.

OBITUARY.

MR. GIDEON BALLOCH.

The announcement of the death at Home of Mr. Gideon Balloch marks the passing of one of China's "old hands." Mr. Balloch left the Old Country in the early 'nineties to take up a position with Messrs. Gilman's. Most of his time out East was spent in Foochow, where he had charge of the firm's tea business. He was essentially a tea trade man, having held a position with Messrs. Lloyd, the well-known firm of *char* merchants in London.

Working his way up gradually, he was made a partner of the firm about 1900, and in 1909 he came to Hong Kong to take charge of the local office. While here, the late Mr. Balloch made a host of friends and his charming personality made him well-liked by all who knew him. A keen member of the A.D.C., he took a prominent part in their production, "Liberty Hall." He was also a very fine singer and a jockey of some repute. While here, the late Mr. Balloch served for a time on the Court of Directors of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

After only two years stay here, the late Mr. Balloch left to take charge of the London office, while Mr. W. L. Pattenden of Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. took his place with Gilman's.

pointed out that the point against the complainants was the evidence of the fourth witness who had denied certain visits but was contradicted by the district watchman, another witness for the prosecution. Mr. Grantham in concluding said: "It is for the prosecution to establish beyond all reasonable doubt that it was the defendant who had these notes. The balance of probabilities is not sufficient. If there is a genuine doubt as to whether the defendant did or did not have these notes, he is entitled to acquittal. In this case, there is a genuine doubt as to whether the defendant had these notes. I am therefore discharging him."

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THE Directors of the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION announce that, subject to Audit, the DIVIDEND and BONUS for the Half Year Ending 31st DECEMBER, 1929, will be—

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THE SANITARY BOARD wishes to draw the Attention of the Public, and especially of those who have recently come to this Colony, to the possibility of acquiring Diseases, e.g., Dysentery and Typhoid Fever by eating of Uncooked Vegetables.

Chinese Market-gardeners use Manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure or spray it from watering-pots, in liquid form, over the growing plants.

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J. WATSON, Secretary, SANITARY BOARD [88831]

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are Notified that BOOKING for the DINNER-DANCE to be held at the PENSUOLA HOTEL on 17th JANUARY is NOW OPEN at the Office in the MAIN ENTRANCE of the HONG KONG HOTEL, where they may purchase their TICKETS and Reserve SEATS.

C. P. MARCEL, Hon. Secretary. [8878]

BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE Steam Launch "SHUN LEE" will leave MURRAY PIKE for SAUVAN BAY at 2 P.M. on SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th. Wolf Cubs, Brownies, and the Smaller Scouts and Guides can be accommodated, also a few Officers-in-charge and Friends provided that the Total Number does not exceed 130 Persons.

Trains run to SHAUKWAN and back Every Four Minutes during the Day, starting at WESTERN MARKET. [8884]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.33 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone is probably central over Korea and weakening. Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N. to N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, some drizzle and fog, becoming warmer.

BIRTHS.

FIELD.—On December 4, at Shanghai, to Captain and Mrs. C. F. FIELD, a son.

POLTER.—On January 6, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. I. POLTER, a son, HENRY JOHN.

DEATHS.

BALLOCH.—On January 5, in England, GIDEON BALLOCH, one time partner in Gilman & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong. [8873]

JOHNS.—On November 29, at Bournemouth, ISABELLA G. JOHNS, widow of the late Capt. T. R. JOHNS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK AUSTIN desire to express their great appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement.

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IN DEFENCE OF WOMEN.

SOME of the self-styled Lords of Creation are in a sad panic. They seem to see their supremacy again threatened. Women the world over are competing with men and insisting on recognition of equal rights, if not on absolute equality. The trouble began shortly before the Great War, when the cause of woman's suffrage had just manifested itself as a serious menace. Masculine fear has been one of the contributory causes of war. The battlefield has been regarded as the place where men could rule supreme; on its grim stage they could strut as heroes and supermen superior to pain, death, or pity. Women were relegated to their "proper place," as the recreation of the warrior's leisure hours—the admiring chorus of worshippers. This did man propose. But women disposed quite otherwise, using the last war as a lever to press their claim. Hero-worship went hand-in-hand with help in purely masculine concerns—a help which the unforced extent and length of the war forced men to accept. The young men were busy fighting, with intervals of flattery, and being flattered by, women, and so it fell to the old men to take up arms in the battle of the sexes.

Their warnings to errant womanhood were loud and stern. Women were unsexing themselves. Chivalry and femininity were dying together. Men might accept the help of these new women in the current crisis, but when the war was over, they would look for their brides among the sweet old-fashioned girls who had not thrown away their simple charm in this mad scramble for masculine privileges. Nevertheless the marriage-rate went up. A new order of chivalry, in which men accepted their share in home-making and cheerfully took a hand in household duties, came into being. Marriage for many became a real partnership. A typical composition of the age of so-called chivalry is the marriage prayer of a fifteenth-century Italian gentleman who demanded of his Maker "that we may live long together in happiness and concord, with many male children, and that He will grant to me riches, friends, and honour, and to her faithfulness, modesty, and the gifts of a good housekeeper." How oddly that consort with the post-war generation, when by common consent the word "obey" was generally omitted from the marriage service.

When peace came, and large numbers of women returned from munition-factories, driving motor vehicles, and office-desks, to their homes, the panic subsided somewhat, though a distant rumble of warnings and forebodings still went on. Women, it was generally thought, would soon tire of their new toy, the vote, and be glad to be protected and supported once more. The good old days when women realised that their place was in the home seemed to be at hand, but something, hard to define exactly, has put men on the alert again. A campaign has been now started seemingly to frighten women into submission. Dean Ince and Lord Birkenhead are at the head of the prophets, and have each contributed an article to the Christmas number of one of the most widely-read women's magazines. Terrible are the consequences with which they threaten "the monstrous regiment of women." Some fifteen years ago women were solemnly warned that if they persisted in their demand for equality men would refuse to marry them. Now they are threatened with sterility as a consequence of their wicked folly. Educated women, the Dean declares in a diatribe entitled "The Triumph of Masculinity," are loosing the power of producing children. He quotes the statistics of an American scientist who states that the ratio of children born to college graduates is less than one quarter of a child per woman. "Surely that will frighten them," one can hear the Dean of Gloom saying, as he lays down his pen with the consciousness of having struck a shrewd blow for the sacred cause of man.

Lord Birkenhead has even less faith in the good sense of women. It is not enough to warn, he must threaten. In his forecast of the position of women in 2029 he says, in effect:—"If you persist in your struggle to compete with men, the one thing in which you now stand supreme—your power of bearing children—will be taken from you by men." By means of this power you have influenced the rising generation. You have been able not only to bind a man to you by a legal contract, to force him to support you, but you have secured privileges which protect you and your children on every side. Woman is the spoilt child of the law. But already in the laboratory man is learning to do without you—to create life artificially. The ectogenic children of the future will not be subject to your influence, neither will you be a necessity of their being or nurture. Men alone will make their according to such a pattern as the scientist rulers of each State consider desirable. No longer will the hand that rocks the cradle rule the world. There will be no cradles. Women, no longer feared as mothers, will find themselves in the unenviable position of being wage-earners in exactly the same economic status as men, with their present physical and mental disabilities, and no special privileges. In fact, Madame, your number is up unless you are willing to toe the line again according to our orders. And we are, as we ever have been, patriarchs and old men of the tribe.

From the days of Ancient Greece there are but few records of famous women, but scanty as these records are, there is sufficient evidence to show how much the world has lost by the repression of half the human race. Lord Birkenhead, with a skill which defeats its own end, against the long list of male geniuses, there can be named only JOAN OF ARC, CATHERINE OF SIENA, SAPHO, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, and a few others. The implication is obvious—genius is a monopoly of the male sex! Also of the four women for whose genius a case might, perhaps, be made out, two were neurotic girls, the third "no better than she should be," and the fourth a sickly and disagreeable, though capable, hospital nurse. The omission of the names of two of England's greatest monarchs and of the Brontë sisters is too glaring to need comment. If we are to admit that any men of genius are alive in the literary world to-day it can hardly be denied that the names of MAY SINCLAIR, SHEILA KAYE SMITH, "ELIZABETH," and ROSE MACAULAY, at least, are worthy to be inscribed beside those of the men novelists. And what of Madame de STAEL, Mrs. HUMPHREY WARD, ELLEN TERRY, Mrs. SIDNEY WEBB, LIZA LUMLEY, "GEORGE ELION," Madame CURIE, MARIE STOPES, SYBIL THORNDIKE, ROSA BONHEUR, EDITH EVANS, MAUDE ROYDEN, and scores of others whose names will occur to every reader—women who have distinguished themselves in every branch of art, literature, science, and politics. There may be a long line of male genius on record, as Lord Birkenhead says, but the absence of an equally lengthy roll of female genius is a fact that only within the last century have women been given opportunity to use the talent that lies in them.

In their attacks upon the perfectly natural and legitimate ambitions of women to-day both Dean Ince and Lord Birkenhead are talking arrant nonsense, and it is incredible that they are not perfectly aware of the fact. The significant thing is that men are in such a panic that this is the best they can do. Women are no longer wholly uneducated or dependant on their menfolk for knowledge of the world and its affairs. Such childish phobias will do nothing to convince them of their allegedly inherent inferiority. In fact we can imagine Lady PAMELA SMITH who is herself an able writer, rolling up the December number of *Nash's Magazine* and bringing it down smartly on the head of her distinguished parent, the while repeating a terse remark addressed to the noble Lord when he was a member of the House of Commons—"Chuck it, SMITH!" If it be admitted, and it must be, that women have distinguished themselves as rulers, writers, artists, doctors, and scientists, why not as preachers and politicians? Fifty years ago the idea of a woman becoming a barrister, or a surgeon, or doing anything equally "unladylike," was regarded as a huge joke. Fifty years hence the feeble and futile protests of the Gloomie Dean and his noble colleague against the advancement of women will be recognised as the puerile stuff it is.

News and Views.

Two cases of diphtheria and three of small-pox were notified on Thursday.

On Sunday morning a paper-hunt will be held at Fanling, starting from Sousa's bungalow at 11.30.

Mr. Leung Pat Yue, has been appointed chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital for the forthcoming year.

In his talk this week, appearing on page two of to-day's paper, the Chief Scout gives some useful tips as to what should be done in the case of fire. Older people than Boy Scouts will find these hints useful.

To-day Father G. Byrne, Procurator of the Jesuits in Hong Kong, sails for Europe by the *Fushimi-maru*. During his absence Father MacDonald, S.J., Warden of Ricci Hall, will act as Superior, with power of attorney.

Owing to the alarming increase in the number of suicide cases in Shanghai, Mr. Wang Cho Chiu, a leading merchant, and a number of his friends have started an organization, the purpose of which is to aid would-be suicides by giving them small sums of money and sending them back to their homes.

A dividend of 23 per share, and a bonus of 21, has been declared by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for the half year ending December 31 last. Half a million dollars is added to the silver reserve, three-quarters of a million is written off bank premises, and about 83,400,000 carried forward.

A Chinese, believed to be a Northerner, is alleged to have snatched a handbag from a European lady in Queen's Road, Central, near Pottinger St., at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was at once chased and caught by a Shantung constable, and a European who was passing, Mr. Shaw. He will be brought before the Magistrate at Central Police Station this morning.

While the fire engine which broke down on Thursday night was being taken back to the Central Fire Station, the "tow-line" snapped near the Central Market, and knocked a Chinese woman down, cutting her in the forehead. First aid was rendered on the spot and almost immediately the ambulance arrived to take the woman to hospital. At the time of the accident, the woman had a child with her, and the youngster, who was crying most piteously, was taken with his mother to the hospital.

Opera and Marriage.

The betrothal of Mr. Ponselle, the famous operatic singer, announced in Home papers, is a great encouragement to the mere man. For here is a young woman, with all the world at her feet, who confesses that a life of triumph and applause is not enough, and that for the completion of her happiness she needs a husband and a home. Therein she holds true to that old-fashioned notion of marriage, which many women nowadays scorn and repudiate, and at the same time she half persuades men that they are not wholly superfluous.

SIR C. CLEMENTI'S DEPARTURE.

ADDRESSES FOR H.E. AND LADY CLEMENTI.

FUNCTION ON H.K.C.C. GROUND ARRANGED.

The news of the approaching departure of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi from the Colony has been received with mingled sentiments of congratulation to His Excellency on his promotion and regret on the part of both the foreign and Chinese communities in Hong Kong, at the loss of such an able administrator and kind hostess.

Accordingly a representative committee of the various communities of Hong Kong have been in consultation to make arrangements for a function at which the public might have the opportunity of giving expression to their regard and good wishes. The Committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—

Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, Kt. K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-shon Chow, Kt., Hon. Mr. W. E. C. Shenton, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., J.L.D., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. P. Lauder, Mr. C. A. da Roza, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. E. Wong Tape, Mr. Tse Ka Po, Mr. Ip Law Chuen, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Ho Leung, Hon. Secretaries Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

Function on January 22.

As a result it has been arranged that on Wednesday, January 22, at 4 p.m. on the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground, which has been kindly lent for the occasion by the Club, addresses on behalf of the Chinese and foreign communities respectively will be presented to His Excellency the Governor, after which addresses will also be presented to Lady Clementi.

Special accommodation will be provided on the ground and tea and other refreshments (including alcoholic drinks) will be provided. Tickets for the function can be obtained at any of the leading Clubs in the Colony or from one of the Hon. Secretaries mentioned above.

Arrangements are also being made for the amplification of the speeches by loud speakers so that all present may be given an opportunity of hearing the speeches at their ease.

By the kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of the K.O.S.B. the full band and pipes of the regiment will be in attendance and will play musical selections.

Local Landmark to Disappear.

A little wooden structure outside Blake Pier, known from its signboard as the "Post Kiosk," is soon to disappear, and the motorboat office, together with the news and candy stall, will have to look for other accommodation. This kiosk has weathered the storms of more than 20 years, though it is recalled by an old resident that in the big typhoon of 1902 it was washed away in the direction of the Duke of Connaught's statue, but was hauled back and established on a firmer foundation. The kiosk may be pulled down any day now, for, apart from the lease having expired, it is an obstruction to the motor-buses using this spot as a terminus.

Silver Movement.

In yesterday's issue the opinion was quoted of a local authority on currency that there is a shortage of silver in China "up country," and that Manchuria in particular is crying out for it. In this connection a correspondent draws our attention to the fact that during November 93 million dollars entered Shanghai from Hangchow, while exports from Shanghai during the month were as follows:—

\$3,350,000	to Dairen
2,000,000	"Tientsin
1,500,000	"Taiping
1,030,000	"Moukden
1,050,000	"Nanking
1,050,000	"Hong Kong
400,000	"Tungchow
400,000	"Shanghai
300,000	"Tainan
250,000	"Fochow
200,000	"Chefoo
200,000	"Soochow
100,000	"Amoy

THE total exports from Shanghai of nearly 13 million dollars during the month indicates, if nothing else, that there is free movement of the metal.

HONG KONG IN THE COLD.

LATEST OFFICIAL FIGURES.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

Hong Kong is still in the grip of a cold spell, although the temperature yesterday was not quite so low as on the two previous days. The lowest was 43.6 degrees at 6 a.m. (at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon). Wednesday's minimum of 41.4 degrees was (with the exception of the same figure once in 1923) the lowest since 1917. The lowest record for Hong Kong is 32.0 degrees in 1893.

Red Noses and Tennis Socks.

Though there are a few hardy souls, who say that it is "delightful weather," most of the Colony has been going about for the last two or three days with red noses and a general air of misery. The short woollen socks which come for women's wear during the summer have been called into service again to be worn over silk stockings, which offer little resistance to the nips of "Jack Frost." Warm garments have been much in demand at the local shops, and not a few foreign residents have discovered the comforting properties of Japanese "fire boxes."

Deaths from the Cold.

Among the poorer residents there has been considerable suffering and two deaths from exposure were reported yesterday. An Indian constable discovered a corpse in a lane at West Point at about 10 a.m. yesterday (Friday) morning. The dead man was about 60 years old and had evidently died of cold and exposure. The body was removed to the Mortuary. Another coolie was reported to have died from the cold in a flat in Portland Street, Kowloon, on Thursday. The dead body was found early in the morning by his fellow lodgers who informed the police and had the body removed to the Mortuary in Kowloon.

Cold Spells in Other Places.

The temperature and humidity at certain other places yesterday morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	43	66
Macao	42	63
Manila	70	87
Amoy	50	79
Swatow	45	35
Chefoo	94	87
Pratas Island	63	89
Shanghai	21	89

Looking Back 25 Years.

At eleven minutes past five yesterday morning Charles Smith, Erik Hogman, and William Nason expiated the crimes of which they were found guilty, and on account thereof condemned to death. The authorities are reticent on matters pertaining to the execution, and all our representative could glean from the Superintendent of the gaol was that the men admitted the justice of the sentence, and walked boldly on to the scaffold. From other sources, which may be questionable, we learned that Smith and Hogman walked boldly to the scaffold, while Nason broke down and had to be supported to the drop. It is alleged that the last words of Smith were:—"Lord have mercy on my soul: May God bless you all." Hogman, in a dull voice, repeated over and over again:—"My God, my God." Nason is alleged to have made a lengthy statement which was taken down by the Superintendent of the gaol. One of the clergymen present, it is said, was so impressed with the terrible scene that he broke down and wept.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Jan. 11, 1905.

Looking Back 50 Years.

In the province of Canton the following custom is observed on the death of an individual away from home. Take a case just to hand; a man belonging to the city of Canton died the other day over at Fati. His friends were commiserated with, and they at once provided themselves with a coffin, one of the garments of the deceased, a live cock, and some paper money, and started off for the place where the corpse was kept. The body being put into the coffin and fastened down, a bamboo was cut down and stripped of all the boughs, save a small tuft at the top. The man's coat and the cock were then put on board a boat, the bamboo erected near the stern, and a strip of red cloth attached to it, just below the tuft of leaves, which were thus left free to bow their heads on the motion of the boat. The object of all this was to attract the spirit of the dead man to follow the corpse home, so that it might receive the proper worship and offerings. Sometimes a white cloth is substituted for the red one. A priest is called in, who rings a bell, repeats a few numeraries, and receives his reward in the shape of the fowl and other perquisites. The paper money is called *Pai t'ien* and is money to the spirits, which is burnt on the altar, and is sent on the road, to appease and secure for the newly dead a safe journey.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Jan. 12, 1880.

CHAPMAN ANDREWS ON THE
PEKING MAN.WELL-KNOWN EXPLORER'S ENTHUSIASM OVER
THE DISCOVERY.

A COMPLETE PRIMITIVE CRANIUM.

Peking, January 1.—The following statement regarding the recent discovery of the "Peking man," or *Sinanthropus Pekinensis*, near Peking has been handed to Reuters by the well-known scientist and explorer, Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews:—

"The Peking Man is without question the most important known link in the whole broken chain of human ancestry. The discoverers are to be congratulated. World science will forever owe them a debt of gratitude. The work has been well done. It is the result of intelligent and friendly international co-operation" of careful planning and of scientific execution. The brilliant success is well-deserved.

"The layman can hardly wax enthusiastic about that shell of brown bone. It does not seem so different to untrained eyes from any other skull. But it is difficult for a scientist to discuss it without using superlatives. Science has now for the first time a very primitive human cranium which is complete; one in which the bones are in their original positions, uncrushed, not even distorted.

"When one thinks of the almost pitiful fragments of other primitive human skulls which have been studied for so many weary hours, this superb specimen seems like an embarrasment of riches.

Brain Capacity Measurable.

"It may be the most ancient type. It is the first of which the geological age and position are positively known. It is the only one which was studied from the moment of its discovery and removed by trained observers.

"There has been much guesswork about all the other very primitive finds. Of the Java ape man, for instance, we have only the skull cap. Of the Pithdown man considerably more of the skull but all of it badly broken. Different scientists have restored these specimens according to their own ideas. In every case bitter controversies have arisen. One man said the brain capacity was so much. Another contended that he was all wrong. The literature on the subject is enormous.

"In a short time Dr. Davidson Black will tell us exactly what was the brain capacity of the Peking man. He will make a cut of the interior of the skull. From studying this perfect reproduction of the brain he will know just how far on the road to human intelligence the Peking man had gone. The swelling in the forehead promises interesting results. Already the Peking man had begun to think.

The Ape-like Jaw.

"Not only will this discovery furnish much new information as to the progress of human evolution, but it will settle many disputed points. For instance the association of the ape-like jaw of the Pithdown man with the skull fragments gave rise to a scientific controversy that raged for years. It is rather satisfying to find that the Peking man has a similar jaw.

It tends to confirm several theories which are important. During the last decade there has been a strong tendency to push man's ancestry farther and farther back into the remote past. Some scientists now believe that the human stem is rooted in the early part of the age of mammals. The Peking man lived in the very beginning of the ice age. Already at that remote period he had advanced far along the road of human development. That means that the ancestral stock from which he sprang had started long ago, certainly in the early Pliocene, possibly in the Miocene. No geologist likes to assign a definite term of years to these remote periods. Estimates of time are too uncertain. One method which has recently found wide acceptance would put the beginning of the Miocene period at 10,000,000 years ago.

Another theory which the Peking man tends to support is the Central Asian origin of the human family. This is particularly satisfying to me because the Central Asiatic Expedition was organized to test that theory.

A Long Way From the Missing Link.

"The Peking man is a long way from being the Missing Link. If one must use that unsatisfactory term. He is a missing link but the remote progenitors of man will be found in much older strata. The exact place is uncertain but I am convinced it will be somewhere on the Asiatic Plateau.

"Dr. Black and Dr. Crabbe believe that Chinese Turkestan is the most probable spot. I favour Mongolia. It is only by intensive exploration that the question can be settled. Meanwhile science has received a tremendous incentive for further research. The world will await with eagerness the result of Dr. Black's study of this priceless material.

"I, for one, confidently expect that continued explorations of the Chou Kou Tien deposit will reveal skeletal parts. There is every reason for hope. The specimens from the cave are so beautifully preserved that it will be strange if other bones are not brought to light.

"Again I most heartily congratulate the discoverers of the Peking man upon their well-merited success."

COMPENSATION FOR
ENEMY ACTION.FINAL DATE FOR LODGING OF
CLAIMS.

The Government of Hong Kong announce that *ex gratia* awards in respect of claims by British nationals belonging to Hong Kong are now being made.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that all claims not already lodged must be received by March 31, 1931, at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong, or failing this, by the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office, London, S.W.1, and that no claim not received by that date will be considered.

Application for further information should be made to the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong, or failing this, to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Claims by surviving dependants in respect of loss of life of men serving with the armed forces of the Crown are ineligible to rank as claims against reparations moneys.

INDIAN RAILWAY SMASH.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Jan. 10. Six people were killed and 14 injured at Clutterbuck in a collision between the Peshawar express and a goods train. The express engine mounted the goods train front brake van.

Passenger coaches were telescoped, the goods train overturned and the lines blocked.

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL IN
MAURITIUS.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, Jan. 9. Telegrams received by the Colonial Office from Mauritius report that, owing to a heavy and unprecedented rainfall, severe floods have taken place in Port Louis and country districts since the end of December. The damage to bridges and roads is estimated at Rs. 200,000.

The principal water supply of Port Louis is broken, and repairs to mains are reported to be impossible at present. Immediate steps have been taken for obtaining an increased supply from Mare Aux Vaches. This, in conjunction with water from other sources, should prove sufficient.

The sugar estates report losses to tramway lines and damages to cane. Weather conditions are now normal.

GERMANY AND THE
YOUNG PLAN.

HAGUE DISCUSSIONS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, Jan. 9. M. Tardieu, M. Briand, Dr. Curtius and Dr. Wirth discussed the eventuality of the German Government tearing up the Young Plan, which the French regard as possible, whilst the Germans scorn the idea. It was decided that the change of notes, the result of which will be embodied in a final protocol at the Hague Conference.

COMMUNICATION
BY AIR.FRANCE AND BRITAIN
CONFER.

"WEB" OF LINES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, Jan. 10.

The Air Minister, Lord Thomson, who last year had discussions in London with M. Eynac, the French Air Minister, upon methods of Anglo-French co-operation in aviation, last night made reference to this subject in a speech to the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris. He said that he and M. Eynac had together examined the air situation in Africa, Arabia and the Far East, and everywhere found that their activities could be profitably combined.

In aviation, it was always necessary to look five years ahead, and in examining the future they had between them planned a web of air communications covering more than half the surface of the globe, the civilising influence of which could only serve to stimulate the growth of Franco-British trade.

The outstanding future of our Western civilisation had been, and would be, the development of means of transportation. In that development, Britain and France were bound to play leading parts.

Commenting on the speech the *Morning Post* remarks that the closing of an air transport agreement between France and Britain would be of immense value, because it would constitute a step towards the abolition of national frontiers, which are at present a most serious obstacle to air intercourse.

"TALKIE" PICTURE
PRODUCTION.AN ANGLO-AMERICAN
SCHEME.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, Jan. 10.

By an agreement which has been signed between one of the leading English companies engaged in the production of talking pictures and the Radio Keith Orpheum Corporation of America, the two concerns will be jointly responsible for a series of British talking pictures, to be produced in this country, and distributed throughout America and the world generally.

Each company will bear half the cost of every production, and share equally in the profits. The pictures will be known as Associated Radio Pictures and they will have a guaranteed release throughout the world.

Mr. Basil Dean, Chairman of the English company, Associated Talking Pictures, Ltd., said yesterday that in accordance with this agreement the pictures would be by British authors, and would be made in England by British artists, with the assistance from time to time, if jointly seen fit, of Americans.

EARTHQUAKE IN FRANCE.

SIZZLINGS IN THE SEA.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 9. A severe earthquake shock, an exceedingly rare experience in this part of the world, was felt throughout the West of France to-day. First information of the occurrence came from Nantes, a message stating that the shocks were felt for several seconds in Nantes and over a minute in the neighbouring town of Vannes, where chimneys were dislodged.

From L'Orient it is learned that two distinct tremors occurred in the vicinity. The first shock occurred at about 7.45 p.m. and apparently came from the North East and from the Atlantic.

The shocks were accompanied by subterranean rumblings, and the first lasted for about three seconds. People rushed out of their houses into the streets, fearing a collapse. The second shock, which lasted for two seconds only, was felt soon afterwards.

The quake was felt throughout the whole of Brittany, and there is little doubt that it was centred in the Atlantic. It was accompanied during the evening and sailors and coastguards speak of strange sizzling noises in the sea.

TO OVERTHROW
THE SOVIET.STRANGE DISCLOSURES
IN BERLIN.

A DEEP-LAID PLOT.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Berlin, Jan. 10.

Remarkable evidence alleging an attempt to secure British support in a plot to overthrow the Soviet by flooding Russia with millions of spurious Soviet banknotes was given by one of the defendants in the trial of two Russians and seven Germans charged with forging notes.

Doctor Weber, a Frankfurt book-seller, and an extreme Nationalist, gave evidence to the effect that while he did not participate in the actual forging of the notes, he and his friends co-operated in an attempt to overthrow the Soviet Government.

He declared that as a result of discussions of this project with General Hoffman, the German Commander-in-Chief on the Russian Front during the War, a plan was drawn up requiring for its execution nothing more than the signatures of 'Official England and her economic leaders.'

General Hoffman and his colleagues, said the witness, had relations with economic and financial circles connected with a well-known oil magnate, and they proposed to interest this group in the Caucasian oil-field in order to get the money necessary to sever Georgia from Soviet Russia. The plan, however, failed owing to 'indiscipline' and 'leakage of information.'

ALL QUIET IN SAMOA.

MORE TROUBLE TO COME?

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Wellington, Jan. 9.

A message from Apia states that the fifty-eight Samoans belonging to the Mau, who were called upon to meet the Administrator at Mulinu, have sent a letter giving certain reasons for not obeying the order.

The Mau adherents have entirely abandoned the Fagala and Vaimauga districts, as required, but are assembling at Leaviva and Solo-Solo.

No Mau uniforms were to be seen in Apia to-day, and the situation is all quiet.

A KING'S MYSTERY
ILLNESS.LIFE OF TERROR OF MAN WHO
WON A THRONE.

Vienna.—King Zogu of Albania, who has been suffering for a number of months from a poisoned throat, has been lying dangerously ill in his palace at Tirana.

During the past few days his condition has suddenly become worse, and it is now so bad that two famous throat specialists received orders to charter a special airplane to fly to Tirana.

It is now reported from Belgrade that the illness is the result of a sinister attempt made to murder the King last summer by means of a poisoned drink.

A striking fact in connection with the rumour is that ever since the beginning of his illness the King has refused to eat anything unless it has been cooked specially by his mother and brought to him by her personally.

When King Zogu seized the throne his death was vowed by more than one hundred relatives of the nobilities whom he ordered to be hanged at the time.

He has hardly ever left the palace since then, and never goes near the windows for fear of being shot. The palace and grounds have always been closely guarded by loyal members of the King's household.

WIFE FROM PALESTINE.

SOLDIER HUSBAND "ALWAYS
CROSS."

A soldier's marriage in Egypt had a sequel at Highgate Police Court when the wife, a woman of Egyptian extraction, summoned her husband.

The court was informed that the woman was managing a tea-house in Palestine when they met. She married her husband because he was a British soldier and therefore the soul of honour.

The wife said: "He is cruel to me. He speaks to him nice. He always rough, no patience with me any way. He always cross, never gentle to me. He hit me, me scream, me cry very much. He swear, swear, swear. Me not like swear."

The wife told the court that she had married her husband because he was a British soldier and therefore the soul of honour. She was granted a separation order and 20s. a week alimony.

LONDON NAVAL
CONFERENCE.BRITISH DELEGATES
APPOINTED.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Rome, Jan. 9.

A Note by the French Government to the Italian Government rejects Italy's proposal for Franco-Italian naval parity and insists that limitation should be based on a statement by each Power outlining its construction programmes for the period covered by any agreement which may be reached in London.

Italy holds that the French proposal will inevitably lead to an increase, not a decrease in naval armaments, but hopes that her suggestions will meet with great success in London.

Americans Sail.

New York, Jan. 9.

The American delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by Mr. H. L. Stimson, sailed for England aboard the s.s. George Washington to-day.

Mr. Stimson, before sailing, declared that the delegation have high hopes of a successful result.

The quay and the liner were crowded with friends and representatives of various peace organizations.

Senator Reed, one of the principal delegates, expressed the view that he was sure of the ultimate success of the conference because there had been less "diplomacy" exhibited than in any other international meeting.

Japanese Sea Premier.

London, Jan. 9.

The Japanese delegation at the London Naval Conference had a first interview with Mr. MacDonald Downing Street on the latter's return from his holidays in Scotland. The present intention is that nothing will be said about the conversations.

The British Delegates.

London, Jan. 8.

The final constitution of the British delegation to the London Naval Conference was officially announced at Whitehall to-day.

The principal delegates will be: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Acting as foreign expert advisers will be: Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. H. B. Malkin, Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office.

Mr. R. L. Craigie, head of the American Department of the Foreign Office.

Admiralty Experts.

The Admiralty expert advisers will be: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Fisher, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.

Vice-Admiral Roger R. C. Backhouse, Third Sea Lord.

Vice-Admiral D. M. Anderson (who was R.A.Y. from 1923 to 1925 and temporarily in command China Station in 1925), Liaison Officer.

Four officers of the Plans Division of the Admiralty.

Mr. Alex. Flint, Principal Assistant Secretary at the Admiralty.

The Dominions Office will be represented by Sir Harry Battersbee, Assistant Secretary. There will be representatives of the Treasury Department, the experts numbering thirty altogether, while Sir Maurice Hankey will be Chief of the Delegation Secretariat.

"INTRIGUES AGAINST U.S.
SEA POWER."

MR. SHEARER'S ANGER.

New York, Jan. 7.

Speaking at the Carnegie Hall, Mr. Shearer, who gained extensive notoriety in connection with the recent investigation into lobbying activities in Washington, conducted by a committee of the Senate, took as his subject: "The inside story of ten years' international intrigue against the United States' sea power, and what may happen at the London Conference."

After having lampooned Senator Borah, assailed the large American newspapers and attacked both Mr. C. E. Hughes and Mr. Daniels, as well as others, Mr. Shearer said: "Do not think that the Empire that held the high seas for three hundred years is going to give it up just because you ask it. The only reward was the importation of mud and filthy scum which they have plastered over in order to appease Great Britain, which has dominated the State Department for the last twenty-five years."

SPECULATION TO
STOP.NANKING GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION.

CURRENCY QUESTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Nanking, Jan. 10.

Proceedings at the emergency meeting called to discuss the silver slump, have not been made public, but an official bulletin states that the meeting decided upon concrete measures to deal with the situation.

LATER.

Declaring that the slump in silver, and a sensational jump in gold bars has seriously affected the country's finances, and the livelihood of the people, the State Council has resolved to prohibit all speculation in gold bars. It has also instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare adequate measures for dealing with the situation.

THE C.E.R. CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES GO BEYOND
INSTRUCTIONS!

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Nanking, Jan. 10.

Speaking to Pressmen to-day Dr. C. T. Wang declared that communications regarding the Sino-Soviet preliminary conference at Nikolok had just been received. In examining them the Government officials had been surprised to find that the delegates had discussed numerous issues in addition to the controversy over the C.E.R. Dr. Wang stated that such discussions were entirely outside the scope of the preliminary conference, and Mr. Teh Hwei, China's chief delegate to the formal conference at Moscow, had been ordered to Nanking before leaving for Moscow.

COUP D'ETAT IN FOCHOOW.

COMMUNISTS ABSOLVED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Nanking, Jan. 9.

It transpires that the Foochow affair was a *coup d'etat*, not the work of Communists. General Lu Hsin Pan, commander of the newly-organised 2nd Fukien Division, and a Nanking nominee, was responsible for it.

Admiral Yang Shu Chuan, who was carried off, has wired to the Government stating that he has escaped to Nantai, ten miles from Foochow, but Lu is still holding four members of the Provincial Government prisoners. The National Government has despatched a warship to Foochow.

Chiang Kai Shek has wired urging Lu Hsin Pan to release his prisoners immediately.

LATER.

Lu Hsin Pan controls the upper reaches of the Min River. It is reported that he is coming to govern Foochow with the assistance of the Defence Commissioner and Admiral Chen Shao Kwan.

CHINA'S "HOME-MADE
PLANE."

CONSTRUCTED IN FUKIEN.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

The "Haichow," China's first home-made hydroplane, constructed at the Makiang naval aeroplane factory in Fukien, arrived yesterday by gunboat. The plane took five months to build, and cost \$40,000. It has four motors developing 360 h.p.

SINO-BRITISH ISSUES.

"A COMPLETE AGREEMENT."

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Nanking, Jan. 10.

Dr. C. T. Wang told Pressmen to-day that he was having daily conversations with Sir Miles Lampson regarding all outstanding Sino-British issues, including extraterritoriality, the Sino-British Treaty and Weihaiwei. A complete agreement had been reached, he added.

BRITAIN'S SLUMS TO
GO.

MEASURES IN HAND.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, Jan. 10.

The Health Ministry's new Slum Clearance Bill, which is to be introduced in Parliament after the recess will, it is believed, stimulate the process of improving the manner of the leading cities. Already, however, large schemes are in hand.

In London, a programme has been drawn up for the clearance of over 200 acres of slums, involving the removal of 20,000 people at an approximate cost of about £20,000,000.

AUSTRALIAN COAL
DISPUTE.MINERS TAKE DRASTIC
MEASURES.

POLICE SENT OUT.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Sydney, Jan. 10.

Resenting the Government's action in moving two trains of coal from Rothbury, 10,000 miners massed in various centres for the purpose of marching in to the town. A detachment of 70 police was at once despatched there from Sydney. Mr. Hoare, President of the Miners' Federation, hurried to the scene, hoping to avert a collision.

A crowd of 4,000 miners also surrounded the Astonfields colliery, and stripped two non-Unionists who recently gave evidence against a Labour official. The crowd burned their clothing.

Two detachments of miners including 600 ex-soldiers marched to Rothbury and assembled near the mine to hold a meeting.

The coalfields are seething with excitement, and there are panics in some centres.

Ten thousand miners have returned to their homes. The situation is now quiet.

ITALY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL
RIGHTS.

Rome, Jan. 4.—An instruction was cabled to-day to the Italian Minister in Peking, ordering him to send a note to Nanking reaffirming Italy's extraterritoriality rights as recognized in the Sino-Italian treaty of 1899.

JUDGE'S FIGHTING ADVICE.

"USE YOUR HANDS."

Mr. Justice Hawke, who in his university days was a heavy-weight boxer, gave some advice at Leeds. Asizes to a pit boy, William Williams, of Kilhurst, Rotherham, when he was accused of shooting at another youth with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

"Look here, Williams," said Mr. Justice Hawke in discharging him, "I don't want you to go and tell anybody that I said you were to hit him on the nose, but, if you want to fight anybody, fight with your hands. Don't use guns—they are dangerous."

"NORMAL MARRIED LIFE."

HUSBAND'S DEFINITION IN
THE DIVORCE COURT.

A husband stated in the Divorce Court, in London, that he and his wife lived "a normal married life up to the time of their separation."

Mr. Justice Hill: "Now we shall learn what a normal married life is. Some people, when they are married, are intensely happy," said the husband, "others are intensely miserable. We were neither."

Mr. Justice Hill: That means that you jogged along with occasional quarrels.

The husband: Yes, my lord.

Telegrams in Brief.

Mr. Thomas Martin Chalmers Steuart, director of several rubber companies, has been found shot dead at his home in Purley, Surrey.

President Hoover's Law Enforcement Commission has abruptly adjourned until February 2. It is understood that the members came to a deadlock on the Prohibition question.

Mrs. Eva Paris, a New York society woman, has been killed owing to her aeroplane crashing in the marshes at Satilla River, Georgia, while she was flying alone to attend an air meet at Miami. She was the divorced wife of Rex Lee Paris, son of John W. Paris, the millionaire banker.

President Hoover has appointed Mr. Gilchrist Baker Stockton as Minister to Austria, and Mr. Abraham Ratahesky as Minister to Czechoslovakia. Mr. Stockton served under Mr. Hoover in the American Relief Administration in Europe after the war, whilst Mr. Ratahesky was a prominent member of the Jewish community.

Money and Markets

HONG KONG SHARES.

BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, local share and general brokers, in their weekly share report dated yesterday state:—

Business on our local market has not been quite so active since the date of our last report, there being some shrinkage in dealings, and though there have been improvements in several stocks, rates on the whole have shown a slightly easier tendency. At the close the market has recovered somewhat and shows signs of strengthening.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have further dropped to 2116 (Middle) in London, and sales were made locally at \$1,200 to \$1,310.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Sterling Exchange has declined gradually all the week, and this has brought out more enquiry for Unions, which have changed hands at \$370 to \$375. China Fires were bid up to \$320. Cantons have appreciated to \$703. Hong Kong Fires have continued their rise and are in demand at \$825.

Shipping.—Preferred Indos have receded to \$43. Waterboats at \$24 mark a further rise. Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$27.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are a shade easier and were realised at \$145. China Providents are in demand at \$8.45. Whampoa Docks have receded to \$303. Shanghai Docks have had a smart recovery to Tis. 109.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—There has been a further improvement in Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, and they were dealt in at gradually hardening rates up to \$12.00. Humphreys Estates are obtainable at \$14.40 after sales at this figure. Hong Kong Lands are slightly lower and were placed at \$65 and \$64. Realty was booked at \$8.90 at the outset, but closed with sellers.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong Electric continue their upward movement and are now enquired for at \$707 after business at \$693 to \$704. Hong Kong Trams have fallen away to \$183 at which figure sales have been made. China Lights have likewise weakened and are on offer at \$711. Star Ferries are to be had at \$711. Telephones have again strengthened and were negotiated at \$93.

Miscellaneous.—A small decline has taken place in Green Island Cements (Combined), a fair quantity of shares changing hands down to \$14.70 but the market is firmer at the close with buyers \$15. Hong Kong Ropes have slipped back to \$7.80. Dairy Farms have also weakened and are on offer at \$21. Lane, Crawford's were sold at \$2.05. Watsons were taken off the market at \$11.20. Amusements can be placed at \$28.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have been subject to considerable fluctuation, after sales in the early part of the week at Tis. 162, the price fell away to Tis. 150. They are, however, stronger again with buyers at Tis. 16. Shanghai Cottons (Old) have further appreciated to Tis. 83.

Forward Settlement Days.—Jan. 24, Feb. 20, and March 25.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Market firm.
Business done 1,314,800 shares.

Jan. Jan.	Jan. Jan.
258 253	258 253
352 371	352 371
120 120	120 120
80 81	80 81
73 74	73 74
201 201	201 201
11 93	11 93
75 75	75 75
38 38	38 38
118 118	118 118
93 93	93 93
183 183	183 183
64 64	64 64
84 84	84 84
115 115	115 115
37 37	37 37
27 27	27 27
23 23	23 23
20 20	20 20
29 29	29 29
100 100	100 100
23 23	23 23
90 90	90 90
23 23	23 23
73 73	73 73
29 29	29 29
117 117	117 117
Unq. 78	Unq. 78
82 82	82 82
57 57	57 57
21 21	21 21
245 245	245 245
48 48	48 48
41 41	41 41
90 90	90 90
39 39	39 39
42 42	42 42
63 63	63 63
Unq. 64	Unq. 64
90 90	90 90
30 30	30 30
87 87	87 87
51 51	51 51
70 70	70 70
31 31	31 31
Unq. 71	Unq. 71
73 73	73 73
123 123	123 123
68 68	68 68
98 98	98 98
Unq. 99	Unq. 99
97 97	97 97
Unq. 98	Unq. 98
88 88	88 88
47 47	47 47
281 281	281 281
170 170	170 170
86 86	86 86
73 73	73 73
162 162	162 162
50 50	50 50
73 73	73 73
131 131	131 131
35 35	35 35
85 85	85 85
42 42	42 42
Unq. 33	Unq. 33
122 122	122 122
49 49	49 49
84 84	84 84
23 23	23 23
89 91	89 91
56 56	56 56
122 122	122 122
113 113	113 113
65 65	65 65
22 22	22 22
65 65	65 65
50 50	50 50
Unq. 70	Unq. 70
42 42	42 42
218 218	218 218
50 50	50 50
8 8	8 8
17 17	17 17
60 60	60 60
168 168	168 168
51 51	51 51
142 142	142 142

could be improved by reducing the number of units and by a wider measure of co-operation than existed to-day.

The Scandinavian orders placed recently in Great Britain would seem to indicate that British shipbuilding and engineering were at least holding their own with foreign competition, and it was gratifying that a goodly share of that work was coming to the north-east coast.

CANTON RAW SILK MARKET.

REPORT ENDING JANUARY 7, 1930.

The market continues very dull. A few small transactions have been booked with Lyons, New York on the other hand is not buying.

Due to the decline in exchange rates, the Chinese have maintained their prices but the lower c.i.f. prices fail to encourage buying.

The latest advices from New York show that the market there is very much overstocked, the figures are as follows:—

Stock at the end of:—
December 90,000 bales.
November 74,500 "
October 64,000 "
September 55,000 "
August 50,000 "

Stock average for last 3 years 45,000

The consumption in the States was 44,000 bales in December whereas the average for 1929 is 32,000 and for 1928 47,000 bales.

These statistics have affected the Japanese market, prices are reported to be declining.

Local Stock amount to 13,000 bales.
Closing quotations are unchanged since our last report.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rueby, Jan. 11.	Rueby, Jan. 11.
123.02	123.02
4.57 5/16	4.57 5/16
34.93	34.93
25.13	25.13
12.09	12.09
82.12	82.12
20.39	20.39
18.14	18.14
18.14	18.14
18.14	18.14
34.62	34.62
164	164
193	193
103	103
373	373
618	618
5 15/32	5 15/32
45	45
1 5/29/32	1 5/29/32
2 1/11	2 1/11
1 7/1	1 7/1
2 0/3/16	2 0/3/16
20 13/16	20 13/16
20 1/2	20 1/2

RATIONALISATION PLEA.

SHIPBUILDER ON NEED FOR WIDER CO-OPERATION.

Sir William Gray, speaking at the launch of the cargo steamer Lady Plymouth from Sir William Gray and Company's yard at Sunderland last month, said the shipbuilding industry continued to fight for its very existence, and found it difficult to make a profit on the poor building prices obtainable.

"During the last six or seven years only some 50 per cent. of the total number of berths had been occupied, and it was evident that until some form of rationalisation was introduced the industry as a whole must continue to operate on an unremunerative basis."

It has been suggested that shipyards which had remained idle for a long period and therefore were probably ill-equipped with old plant and machinery, and whose organisation was rusty, should be scrapped. Such a scheme presented a partial solution of the problem, provided the scrapping value was a reasonable one.

Whilst individual firms were, no doubt, for the most part efficiently run, Sir William believed the condition of the industry as a whole (Continued on preceding column).

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
...	...	...	...	Banks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Banks \$1,200	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (London)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "A" ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. "C"	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Insurances	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Canton Ins. \$695	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Underwriters \$1.70	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	North China T160	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Union Ins. \$371	...	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	China Fires \$310	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fires \$815	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shipping	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Douglases \$24	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Steamboats \$37	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indos (pref.) \$58	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (def.) \$90	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shell Transports 100/-	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Water-boat \$23	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mining	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Benquoite \$4/-	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Kailans T13.60	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Langkats (comb.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (single) T7	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Explorations T1.30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Loans T.6	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Raub \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Tronoh Mines 30/-	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves \$144	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Providents \$5.45	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks \$30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks T.85	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	New Engineering T.72	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Hongkew T.190	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ewos T.16	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shai C'ons (old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) T.81	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zoong Sings T.84	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels \$12.40	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Lands \$65	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands T.181	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Realty \$8.80	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Humphreys \$14	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Tramways \$18.65	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries \$5.10	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	C. Lights (old) \$10.30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) \$10.30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric \$7.04	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macao do. \$7.04	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Buses \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Tractions \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (pref.) \$9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Industrials	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Caldbeck (ord.) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macgregor (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Canton Ins. \$14.95	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cements (comb.) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (old) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ropes \$8	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Sugars \$29	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Malayan Sugars \$29	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	United Asbestos \$29	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Dairy Farms \$30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Der A. Wings \$28	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Amusements \$1.10	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions \$2.15	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lane Crawford's \$12	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mackintosh \$4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco \$4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sincere (old) \$4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons \$11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wm. Powells \$2	...	...	...	...
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LOCAL AND REGULAR OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	WEEK DAYS	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
	FROM G.P.O.	FROM SHUNGWAN BRANCH P.O.
Canton	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.
Macao & Tainshan ...	7.15 a.m. & 1.15 p.m.	7.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
Kongmoon (except Saturdays)	5.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Kaukung (except Saturdays)	5.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Fatshan (By Train) ...	7.15 a.m.	7.15 a.m.
Tai O	9.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
Tai Po	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.
Shamchun	12.30 p.m. & 4.30 p.m.	11.00 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.
Cheungchow	Saturdays 1.00 p.m. & 4.30 p.m.	8.30 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.
Aberdeen	2.00 p.m.	10.30 a.m.
Salikung	4.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
Namtan, Shek & Tai Ping (Funda)	7.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.

FOREIGN MAILS.

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NOTICE.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 23.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.

AMCOY.

Antung, B. & S., Jan. 13.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 14.
Tahua, B. & S., Jan. 15.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 18.
Anhui, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Tjisroca, J.C.J.L., Jan. 20.
Chenan, B. & S., Jan. 22.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., Jan. 23.
Takliwa, B.I., Jan. 23.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 1.
Tjilobert, J.C.J.L., Feb. 3.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Feb. 6.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 11.

ANTWERP.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 12.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 25.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Burgenland, Jelsen, Feb. 11.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Jan. 15.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 31.

BAITO PORTS.

Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.

BALTIMORE.

City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Springbank, Bank, Jan. 29.

BANGKOK.

Chinhua, B. & S., Jan. 12.
Hirundo, Thoresen, Jan. 12.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Jan. 12.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Hiram, Thoresen, Jan. 16.
Kalgan, B. & S., Jan. 19.
Hellas, Thoresen, Jan. 26.
Helios, Thoresen, Feb. 2.

BELAWAN DELI.

Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Jan. 16.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.

BOMBAY.

Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 13.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Mantua, P. & O., Feb. 1.

BOSTON.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 15.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, Jan. 20.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Springbank, Bank, Jan. 29.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.

BREMEN.

Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.

BRINDISI.

Hilda, Dodwell's, Jan. 25.
Remo, Dodwell's, Feb. 4.

CALCUTTA.

Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.
Takada, B.I., Jan. 23.
Ceylon Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Tahua, B.I., Feb. 2.
Shirala, B.I., Feb. 10.

CEBU.

Golden Hind, S.S.S., Jan. 16.
Tacoma, S.S.S., Jan. 19.
Iowa, S.S.S., Jan. 21.

CHEFOO.

Kucichow, B. & S., Jan. 15.

COLOMBO.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 13.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 13.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Oldenburg, Jelsen, Jan. 14.
Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Mirapore, P. & O., Jan. 22.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 25.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 28.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Mantua, P. & O., Feb. 1.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.
Burgenland, Jelsen, Feb. 11.

COPENHAGEN.

Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.

DALNY.

Hector, B.F., Jan. 12.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 19.
Chenan, B. & S., Jan. 22.
Agra, Gilman's, Jan. 23.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Benares, Gilman's, Feb. 7.
Fulda, Melchers, Feb. 11.

DUTCH PORTS.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 12.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Oldenburg, Jelsen, Jan. 14.
Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
City of Mandalay, Bank, Jan. 17.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 25.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.
Burgenland, Jelsen, Feb. 11.

FOOCHOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 14.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 19.
Yusang, Jardine's, Jan. 22.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 24.

GENOA.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 13.
Oldenburg, Jelsen, Jan. 14.
Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
Antiochus, B.F., Jan. 20.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 23.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.
Burgenland, Jelsen, Feb. 11.

GLASGOW.

Antiochus, B.F., Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.

GOTHENBURG.

Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Chinhua, B. & S., Jan. 12.
Kweiyang, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Tonkin, M.M., Jan. 14.
Canton, M.M., Jan. 16/17.
Chusan, B. & S., Jan. 23.
Chengtu, B. & S., Feb. 13.

HAMBURG.

Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 12.
Oldenburg, Jelsen, Jan. 14.
Saarluecken, Melchers, Jan. 14.
City of Mandalay, Bank, Jan. 17.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Achilles, B.F., Feb. 4.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.

HAVRE.

Antiochus, B.F., Jan. 20.

HONOLULU.

Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 6.

ILOILO.

Golden Hind, S.S.S., Jan. 16.
Tacoma, S.S.S., Jan. 19.
Iowa, S.S.S., Jan. 21.

JAPAN PORTS.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 12.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tahua, B.I., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzing, M.M., Jan. 15.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 17.
Karmala, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Agra, Gilman's, Jan. 20.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Laomedon, B.F., Jan. 20.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Morioke Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, Jan. 21.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.
Albert Voegler, Jelsen, Jan. 25.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Jan. 28.
Esquiline, D'well's, Jan. 30.
Takliwa, B.I., Jan. 30.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 31.
Macedonia, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 1.
Keemun, B.F., Feb. 4.
Menelaus, B.F., Feb. 4.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Feb. 4.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 6.
Burgenland, Jelsen, Feb. 8.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 11.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Feb. 11.

Kobe.

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HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINESE"	On 12th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & S'PORE.	"ANTUNG"	On 13th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN.	"SUIYANG"	On 14th Jan.	Daylight
HONGKONG, S'PORE & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 14th Jan.	5 p.m.
SAIGON	"CHANGHONG"	On 15th Jan.	Daylight
WHAHWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.	"KUEICHOW"	On 15th Jan.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUOHOW"	On 15th Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LIYAN"	On 15th Jan.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN.	"SUNYANG"	On 15th Jan.	Daylight
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALANG"	On 15th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & S'PORE.	"ANHUI"	On 15th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN.	"SINKIANG"	On 15th Jan.	Daylight
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 22nd Jan.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHUSAN"	On 23rd Jan.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENGTO"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.

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ANGERS ... 14th Jan.	G. METZINGER ... 15th Jan.
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

STATION	JANUARY 9, 1930.										JANUARY 10, 1930.									
	Barometer at Sea Level					Thermometer					Barometer at Sea Level					Thermometer				
	Inches	Millis.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Millis.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Millis.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Millis.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind
Wladivostok	30.88	771.5	2	...	NE	30.44	773.1	5	...	NE	30.44	773.1	5	...	NE	30.44	773.1	5	...	NE
Nemuro	30.82	780.0	...	...	NNW	30.16	788.0	...	...	N	30.16	788.0	...	...	N	30.16	788.0	...	...	N
Hokodate	30.04	763.0	...	...	WNW	30.20	787.0	...	...	N	30.20	787.0	...	...	N	30.20	787.0	...	...	N
Tokio	30.12	765.0	...	...	NW	30.32	770.0	...	...	NW	30.32	770.0	...	...	NW	30.32	770.0	...	...	NW
Kochi	30.10	764.5	...	...	NW	30.41	772.5	...	...	N	30.41	772.5	...	...	N	30.41	772.5	...	...	N
Nagasaki	30.43	773.0	...	...	NW	30.47	774.0	...	...	N	30.47	774.0	...	...	N	30.47	774.0	...	...	N
Kagoshima	30.39	772.0	...	...	N	30.43	773.0	...	...	N	30.43	773.0	...	...	N	30.43	773.0	...	...	N
Oshima	30.31	770.0	...	...	NNE	30.34	770.5	...	...	NE	30.34	770.5	...	...	NE	30.34	770.5	...	...	NE
Naha	30.28	769.0	...	...	NNE	30.26	768.5	...	...	NE	30.26	768.5	...	...	NE	30.26	768.5	...	...	NE
Ishigakijima	30.28	769.0	...	...	NE	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNE	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNE	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNE
Bonin Island	...	...	...	...	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	NW	30.22	767.5	...	...	NW	30.22	767.5	...	...	NW
Chefoo	30.34	775.7	30	80	W	30.56	776.2	24	87	NW	30.56	776.2	24	87	NW	30.56	776.2	24	87	NW
Shanghai	30.59	777.0	36	42	NNW	30.59	777.0	21	89	NNW	30.59	777.0	21	89	NNW	30.59	777.0	21	89	NNW
Gutzlaff	30.59	777.0	32	82	NNW	30.60	777.2	32	90	N	30.60	777.2	32	90	N	30.60	777.2	32	90	N
Sharp Peak	30.27	778.8	42	75	NE	30.30	769.6	42	82	N	30.30	769.6	42	82	N	30.30	769.6	42	82	N
Amoy	30.26	768.6	56	69	ENE	30.28	769.1	50	79	NE	30.28	769.1	50	79	NE	30.28	769.1	50	79	NE
Swatow	30.22	767.6	55	76	N	30.21	767.3	45	85	N	30.21	767.3	45	85	N	30.21	767.3	45	85	N
Taihou	30.34	770.7	55	96	E	30.31	769.8	54	97	N	30.31	769.8	54	97	N	30.31	769.8	54	97	N
Taihu	30.24	768.0	61	...	N	30.20	767.1	54	...	N	30.20	767.1	54	...	N	30.20	767.1	54	...	N
Tainan	30.20	767.1	66	...	NNE	30.14	765.6	54	...	NNE	30.14	765.6	54	...	NNE	30.14	765.6	54	...	NNE
Koshun	30.19	766.8	72	...	NNE	30.08	764.1	66	...	NE	30.08	764.1	66	...	NE	30.08	764.1	66	...	NE
Pescadore	30.25	768.3	59	...	NNE	30.19	766.8	57	...	NNE	30.19	766.8	57	...	NNE	30.19	766.8	57	...	NNE
Hong Kong	30.25	768.3	54	48	N	30.22	767.6	49	66	NE	30.22	767.6	49	66	NE	30.22	767.6	49	66	NE
Gap Rock	30.26	768.6	...	...	N	30.22	767.6	...	...	NNE	30.22	767.6	...	...	NNE	30.22	767.6	...	...	NNE
Macao	30.33	770.4	46	52	NNE	30.30	769.5	43	85	NE	30.30	769.5	43	85	NE	30.30	769.5	43	85	NE
Hoibow	30.25	768.3	54	76	N	30.10	764.5	65	89	NE	30.10	764.5	65	89	NE	30.10	764.5	65	89	NE
Pratas Island	30.13	765.3	65	89	NE	30.06	763.6	54	...	N	30.06	763.6	54	...	N	30.06	763.6	54	...	N
Phullen	30.27	768.9	55	55	N	30.26	768.6	48	78	ENE	30.26	768.6	48	78	ENE	30.26	768.6	48	78	ENE
Tourane	30.12	765.0	63	...	N	30.12	765.1	63	...	N	30.12	765.1	63	...	N	30.12	765.1	63	...	N
Cape St. James	29.88	759.0	81	...	SE	29.93	760.3	73	...	WNW	29.93	760.3	73	...	WNW	29.93	760.3	73	...	WNW
Basco	30.04	762.9	73	79	NE	30.00	762.0	68	96	SE	30.00	762.0	68	96	SE	30.00	762.0	68	96	SE
Aparri	29.98	761.4	79	73	SE	29.90	759.4	73	...	NE	29.90	759.4	73	...	NE	29.90	759.4	73	...	NE
Taguegama	29.91	759.8	82	67	WNW	29.95	760.3	70	87	NNE	29.95	760.3	70	87	NNE	29.95	760.3	70	87	NNE
Vigan	29.89	759.3	82	60	ESE	29.93	760.2	75	88	NE	29.93	760.2	75	88	NE	29.93	760.2	75	88	NE
Legaspi	29.89	759.3	82	74	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.89	759.3	81	60	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	29.87	758.7	81	69	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bohol	29.85	758.1	81	69	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.85	758.1	79	80	N	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarigao	29.85	758.1	75	88	ENE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	ENE	29.82	757.5	...	...	ENE	29.82	757.5	...	...	ENE
Guam	12.23	29.78	756.3	...	NE	29.79	756.6	76	...	NE	29.79	756.6	76	...	NE	29.79	756.6	76	...	NE
Yap	11.00	29.73	755.1	...	NE	29.80	756.9	80	...	ENE	29.80	756.9	80	...	ENE	29.80	756.9	80	...	ENE
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.4	78	82	NE	29.78	756.4	78	82	NE	29.78	756.4	78	82	NE
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	76	86	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

January 10d. 10h. 33m.—The anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now central to the N.W. of Shanghai. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.02 inch, against an average of 0.24 inch.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JANUARY 11.

- 1.—Formosa Channel. N. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks. N. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock. N. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan. N. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 9.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.22	30.26	31.15
Temperature	51	51	51
Humidity	54	55	72
Wind	N	N	N
Force	2	1	1
Weather	0	0	CD
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 30	Jun. 2	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 16
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jun. 15	Jun. 18	Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 30
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jun. 25	Jun. 28	Jul. 1	Jul. 3	Jul. 12
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jul. 10	Jul. 13	Jul. 16	Jul. 18	Jul. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jul. 23	Jul. 26	Jul. 29	Jul. 31	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 16
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 10	Sept. 13	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 29	Sept. 31	Oct. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 20	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 5
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 18	Nov. 25

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Feb. 3, 5 p.m.	Feb. 5	EMPRESS OF ASIA	Feb. 5

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MISHIMA MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

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LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 11th Jan.

BAKOZAKI MARU ... Saturday, 25th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Pore.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Jan.

KAGA MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

AWA MARU ... Monday, 13th Jan.

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BINGO MARU ... Wednesday, 5th Feb.

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TATSUNO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 3,928 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
20,160 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:

British Cargo for Through Ports.

Shantung, Canton — 500

Fooshing, Taingtau 678 1,374

Suisang, Shanghai 50 720

Tai Yuan, Amoy 495 650

Danish, Singapore 2,000 6,746

Dutch, Amoy — 340

Japanese, Fushimi Maru, Yokohama 17 5,300

Sourabaya Maru, Sourabaya 40 3,436

Ruijin Maru, Keelung 610 850

Portuguese, Wing Wo, Port Bayard — 250

Chinese, Shiu Hing, Macao 38 38

Total 3,928 20,160

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	10
Danish	1	0
Dutch	1	2
Japanese	3	3
Portuguese	1	0
Chinese	1	2
Norwegian	0	1
Total	11	17

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

Wharves:—Holt's: Tai Ping, City of Kobe; A.P.C.—North Point: Turbo; O.S.K.: Hozan Maru; Saikong: Wing Wo. Docks:—Kowloon: Hop Sang, Mao Lee, Lungshan, Golden Star, Haiching, Su Sang, Taikoo; Cheong, Chinhua, Empress of Canada; Cosmopolitan: Ribera. Buoy:—A1 Talamba, A2 Fushimi Maru, A3 Catulu, A4 Golden Mountain, A5 Hong Kheg, A6 Mishimi Maru, A8 Ixion, B9 Shantung, A10 Taiyuan, B11 Kwantung, B13 King Yuan, C15 G.G. Merlin, B24 City of Chester, A25 Sourabaya Maru, A26 Tjikarang, A27 Seistan Maru, A28 Java, B32 Kwaisang, B34 Kweiyang, C35 Hirundo, B36 Chinhua, B38 Changchow, C39 Nitaga Maru, C40 Havdrot, C42 Tang Woo, C43 Clara Joben, C49 Ruijin Maru, B50 Zurich Moor.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

CAPSIZED JUNK.

Floating capsized junk in Lat. 21° 37' N., Long 114° 20' E. Dangerous to navigation. Authority: Master m.v. Danmark.

Dangerous Goods.

Charged before Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday, with having 25 tins of kerosene on board when made fast in other than a dangerous goods anchorage, the master of a trading junk was fined \$100 or 3 months' hard labour.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Shantung (Br.) Canton	116
Fooshing (Br.) Taingtau	4
Suisang (Br.) Shanghai	130
Taiyuan (Br.) Shanghai	34
Tjikarang (Dutch) Shanghai, Amoy	168
Total	450

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—Basin:—Tamar, Iroquois, Tarentula, Marazion, Cornflower, Moth. North Arm:—Herald. West Wall:—Kent.

In Dock:—Scraph, Petersfield, Sterling.

No. 1 Buoy.—Hermes.
No. 8 Buoy.—Bruce.
No. 10 Buoy.—Somme.
No. 11 Buoy.—Thracian.
No. 12 Buoy.—Magnolia.
No. 13 Buoy.—Sirdar.
Foreign Men of War.—French gunboat Argus; U.S. gunboat Helena.

PASSENGERS.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Fushimi Maru from Shanghai:—Mr. Seiya Saito, Mrs. Taiki Saito, Miss Itauko Saito, Miss Yasuko Saito, Miss Katsuko Saito, Mr. Hitoshi Fukui, Mr. Takatomi Moriama, Miss Fujiko Chikuba, Mr. Tung Chih Liang, Mrs. R. Lee, Mrs. N. Romaine, Mr. E. H. Hickok, Mrs. S. Hickok, Mr. H. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. H. L. Dillm, Miss F. Henderson, Mr. J. C. Elder, Mrs. H. Elder, Miss J. W. White, B. H. Mellon, Mr. J. W. Yee, Mr. T. M. Harrod, Mr. Nang Chang, Mr. Ching Chang, Mrs. On Yau Chin, Mr. Lieng Chang Chien, Mr. Ma Chin Lin, Mr. F. Yamaguchi, M. Massichi Ushijima, Mr. K. H. Chang, Mrs. K. H. Chang, Mr. T. H. Le, Mr. S. T. Ching, Mr. Low Man Yin, Miss G. Kwow, Mr. K. Y. Mak, Mr. H. Hardt, Mr. H. S. Chang, Mr. T. M. Yang, Mr. K. S. Loh.

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"LAHORE"	5,304	19th Jan. D.I.	Mars. L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & London, R'dm. & A'warp
"KHYBA"	9,185	18th Jan. [Mars.]	Straita, Colombo & Bombay
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	22nd Jan.	L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mars.]	Mars. L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Straita, Colombo & Bombay
"KABMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars. L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straita, Colombo & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marselles and London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th Mar. [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Mars. L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	25th Mar.	Bombay, Marselles and London
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marselles and London
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	28th Apr.	Bombay, Marselles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars. L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, E'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KHYBA"	9,135	7th June	Marselles & London
"KAMPURA"	16,601	31st June	Bombay, Marselles & London
"KABMALA"	9,128	5th July	Marselles and London
"MOREA"	10,954	18th July	Bombay, Marselles & London
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"TALMA"	10,000	2nd Feb.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	10th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	20th Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	3rd Mar.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,966	28th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	do.

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"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	11th Jan., 3 p.m.	Moji and Kobe.
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